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\$1-million program for elderly launches

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The province is injecting more than \$1 million into Haliburton County for the creation of new health-care services aimed mostly at seniors.

A total of more than \$1.106 million will be used to establish a Geriatric Assessment and Integration Network (GAIN), establish behavioural supports for those with mental health or neurological conditions, hire a community GAIN co-ordinator, provide assisted living for high-risk seniors, establish a palliative care community team and provide physiotherapy services.

During an announcement at the HHHS facility in Haliburton Jan. 13, Wayne Gladstone, chairman of the province's Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) said the programs "are all designated and designed to improve people's experience with the health-care system."

Some \$515,000 of the funding will establish a GAIN team, which will create individualized integrated care plans for high-risk seniors, including those still living in their own homes.

\$85,000 will be spent on behavioural support staff with special training in deal-

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Fur harvester style

Six-month-old Georgia Skrabek gets an early appreciation for the finer things in life thanks to dad David who outfitted the baby with a fur hat at the Minden District Fur Harvesters' 27th annual winter workshop at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre in Minden on Jan. 11. See more on page 4. /Angelica Blenich

Pharmasave changes hands

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

One of Minden's largest businesses has a new owner.

Pharmacists Richard Smith and Peter Meraw have sold the Minden Pharmasave, the deal closing Jan. 12.

Phong Tan, a pharmacist who owns Pharmasaves in Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls, is the new owner along with business partners.

Smith and Meraw have run the business for nearly nine years, purchasing the pharmacy from Paul and Jan Heffer in June of 2006.

"The Heffers were great to us," Meraw says, recalling the move to Minden.

Popular in the community, both Meraw and Smith grew up in Bowmanville. Part of the revitalization of Minden's downtown strip during the past few years, they expanded the pharmacy in 2012, encapsulating the building next door and essentially doubling its floorspace.

In a community where there isn't an overabundance of family physicians, the pharmacy has also become a location for patients to access blood pressure testing, treatment for diabetes, smoking cessation techniques and other services.

These services will continue to be provided.

"It's mainly a lifestyle decision," Meraw says of the sale. "It's fairly high-octane work. It's enjoyable work too. Overall, it's been very positive."

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New owner proud to continue tradition



Richard Smith, left, and Peter Meraw, right, with new Minden Pharmasave owner Phong Tan. Smith and Meraw have run the pharmacy on Minden's main drag for nearly nine years. The sale closed Monday. /Chad Ingram Staff

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Meraw says he plans to take a "mini hiatus," and spend more time with his family.

Smith, meanwhile, will stay on at the pharmacy. "I want to thank the community," he says. "I'm proud of what we accomplished." He'll continue to live in the community.

"I wanted my kids to be brought up in a small community," Smith says. "Minden

is my home." Smith explains he and Meraw chose the new ownership group from a selection of many suitors since Tan shares their philosophy on how health care should be provided.

"I feel proud Peter and Rich have chosen us to look after their baby," Tan says, adding he knows how much Smith and Meraw care for their patients. "It's a responsibility we don't take lightly. I've got humongous footprints to follow."

MPP contacts MTO over roads

Jenn Watt
Editor

Local MPP Laurie Scott spends a lot of time on Ontario's highways and she says she agrees wholeheartedly with growing frustration over their maintenance.

Last week, the representative for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock wrote to the Ministry of Transportation asking them to address the conditions, which she says have worsened in the last couple of years.

"I drive the roads and see it all myself. The roads were better maintained before they went to this privatization of the winter maintenance program. The MTO had more control and they would sub-contract for sure too, but the local people were usually the recipients of that and they knew when to put and where to put salt and sand. The system before seemed to work better," Scott said in an interview with the paper.

Currently, multinational corporation Carillion is three years into a 10-year contract to maintain the highways in the Haliburton County area – highways 35 and 118.

One of the complaints Scott passed on was from Haliburton resident Sean Pennylegion, who wrote a detailed account of his experience on Hwy 35.

"Highway 35 was in deplorable condition (and it appeared beyond); two ruts on either side of the highway in significant snow accumulation. The road had clearly not seen any maintenance for some time. It was not snowing and I understand that the last snowfall had occurred overnight," Pennylegion wrote in his letter.

"It was dangerous and greasy and the traffic was moving at 40 to 50 km/hour under otherwise very manageable circumstances (good visibility, no precipitation)."

On Facebook, several readers shared similar stories.

"Terrible the last few years! Commuting daily between Bancroft and Eagle Lake is a real adventure at times," wrote Cathy Henwood. "I find even when roads are plowed, which isn't often enough, roads are still slippery – maybe need more sand?"

A few readers gave the roads passing grades, while many blamed Carillion.

Scott said after consulting with her fellow MPPs across the province, it seems the problem is not the companies, but the contracts themselves. Poor conditions are occurring regardless of the companies and in the Simcoe area, where Carillion is the provider, there are few complaints heard by that area's MPP.

"We're really pushing the minister of

transportation to say obviously [the contract is] not adequate to maintain our provincial highways," she said.

"It seems these contracts and restrictions they have are not allowing the providers to ensure the roads are really properly maintained and are safe."

Last winter, the Progressive Conservatives asked the auditor general to look into the contracts.

MTO spokesman Gordan Rennie said that winter weather has been more extreme over the last two years. He said calls are down this winter compared to this time last winter, but did not give figures on complaints.

To improve service, Rennie said the MTO has created several new positions.

"Last winter, we added 55 winter maintenance units to improve the level of service. Forty-two of these units are in Northern Ontario. These units can also be used on other areas of the highway, further improving service levels," he said in an email.

"We have made organizational changes to better manage maintenance service delivery, including a new provincial director of maintenance and five new regional maintenance engineer positions. In addition we have added 20 inspectors to provide more on-the-ground oversight of contractors during winter storms."

Asked about a response to Scott's letter, Rennie said the auditor general was looking into winter maintenance and that there is an annual internal review done. He did not specifically address her letter.

According to information provided by the MTO, Hwy 118 is a Class 3 road and Hwy 35 is Class 2.

After a winter storm, a Class 3 road is to be back to bare pavement in 24 hours. A Class 2 is to be back to bare pavement in 16 hours. The goal is to meet this target 90 per cent of the time.

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The roads were better maintained before they went to this privatization of winter maintenance program.

— MPP Laurie Scott

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Change to dental programs will create service gap: health unit

Integration would hurt low-income families most

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The health unit is concerned the integration of dental programs for children from low-income families will leave those children with reduced access to key dental services.

In August, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will merge six programs into one under the banner of Healthy Smiles Ontario.

According to the ministry, the integration of the programs will provide “seamless enrolment . . . making it easier for children and youth to receive timely dental care.”

The ministry points out that currently, families are required to determine which of the six programs they may be eligible for, which programs provide which services and where they can access care. To qualify, families must have an adjusted net income of \$21,513 or less for one child, increasing by about \$1,500 per child.

According to the ministry, the new integrated program will have a simplified enrolment and renewal process allowing access to “a full range of dental services, from preventative care such as cleanings and fluoride treatments to basic care such as fillings, extractions and X-rays,” providing coverage for up to a year.

However, staff at the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit believe the integration will lead to a service gap.

According to the health unit, changes to the Ontario Public Health Standards mean health units will no longer be required to offer preventative dental services to children in the communities they serve.

Dr. Laleh Sadeghi, the health unit’s director of oral health, told the paper these preventative services include fluoride varnishes that prevent decay and plastic capping that can be put on posterior teeth.

According to the health unit, kindergarten students in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes have rate of tooth decay that is higher than the provincial average and that screening in schools has found that some 37 per cent of junior and senior kindergarten students have some kind of tooth decay.

Sadeghi pointed out that untreated dental problems can lead to pain that prevents children from being able to sleep, eat and learn properly. She is concerned the changes will mean an overall decline in the community’s dental health.

The board of the HKPR health unit recently sent a letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne and Health Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins outlining these concerns.

Sadeghi suggested that any residents concerned about the changes do the same and contact Hoskins.

Charges ‘frivolous,’ former airport manager says

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Duane Hicks, the former manager of Stanhope Airport, says the charges laid against him are frivolous and he will defend himself in court.

Haliburton Highlands OPP announced Jan. 7 that, Hicks, 46, has been charged with two counts of “theft by person required to account” for alleged fraudulent activity during his time as airport manager.

Hicks was employed with Algonquin Highlands for about a year and was dismissed in late 2012.

According to the police, an investigation revealed Hicks had leased hangars at the airport, invoiced it to his personal company and kept the money.

They were seeking a warrant for his arrest.

“It’s frivolous,” Hicks, now living in Alberta, said of the charges. “I can’t say very much right now . . . but it will come out.”

Hicks said he has secured legal counsel.

According to police, the investigation commenced in the summer of 2013.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said Hicks’s dismissal was unrelated to the allegations.

“It was disappointing . . . Duane was well-liked,” Moffatt said. “We look forward to the resolution of the charges laid by the police.”

Moffatt said she was unaware of how much money the township may have lost and if it could be recouped.

Chief administrative officer Angie Bird said she was unable to disclose the details of the case.

“The outcome of the legal proceedings will determine if/how we can recoup the loss,” Bird wrote in an email to the paper.

Airport committee chairman Norm Mills said he had minimal comment for the paper.

“It doesn’t surprise me,” Mills said. “I know there were some issues happening.”

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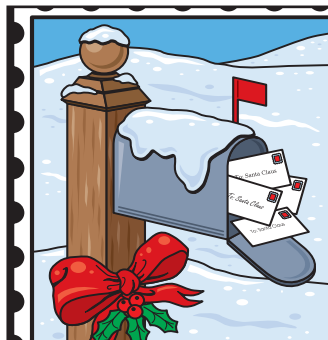
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Correction

In the story “Learning to live with paralysis” in the Jan. 7 edition, the story’s interview subject encouraged people to check their homeowner’s insurance to ensure personal liability was covered. A local insurance provider informed the paper that such is not an option on homeowner’s insurance.



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Fur harvesters show off their trade

Fur fashion from Anne Kulmala was on display at the annual fur harvesters workshop on Jan. 11 at the Minden community centre. Based out of Fenelon Falls, Kulmala recently opened up a store called Curious that sells fur and other unique handcrafted items. The table was popular with customers, as hats, mitts and other items made from fox, beaver and other animals sold quickly. /Angelica Blenich



Mark Taylor, left, and Brian Austen judge entries at the Minden District Fur Harvesters' 27th annual winter workshop at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre in Minden on Jan. 11. Taylor was a representative of the North Bay harvesters convention. About 200 people attended this year's workshop. The Minden fur harvesters organization has been in existence for more than 50 years. The workshop raises funds for a high school bursary program and donations for local health-care services.

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Eric Bolton, left, helps seven-year-old Rhys Brown board a raccoon at the Minden District Fur Harvesters 27th annual winter workshop at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre in Minden on Jan. 11. The all-day event included skinning demonstrations, fur judging, prizes and more.



Phil Tamlin, left, stretches a fisher during a demonstration at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre on Jan. 11 for the 27th annual fur harvesters winter workshop. A trapper for 52 years, Tamlin caught his first animal, a muskrat, when he was six years old while on his way to Grade 1 in Little Britain, where he is originally from.

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Longtime hospice volunteer Dorothy Owens speaks at a funding announcement on Jan. 13. Owens said the more than \$1 million HHHS is receiving from the province will do much to raise the quality of living for those facing the end of life. / Chad Ingram Staff

Twelve full-time, two part-time to be hired

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ing with individuals with mental health issues, dementia and other neurological conditions.

Another \$125,000 will hire a GAIN co-ordinator, someone who will support clients and work with primary caregivers to co-ordinate individualized healthcare plans.

Nearly \$150,000 will provide assisted living for high-risk seniors still living in their homes and more than \$120,000 will establish a palliative care community team, which will work with the HHHS palliative/hospice manager to facilitate a higher quality of living for those approaching the end of life.

Another \$110,000 will be used for physiotherapy clinic services.

HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said it was a great day for Haliburton County.

"More importantly, if you're an elderly resident of Haliburton County, this is an absolutely fantastic day for you."

Eskedjian thanked the provincial government, the seniors' care network and the staff who received the proposals from HHHS and felt they had merit.

He also thanked the HHHS staff, physicians and others who had helped him make the applications.

"I didn't put these proposals together on my own," he said.

Eskedjian, who noted the funding will mean the hiring of 12 full-time staff members and the creation of two part-time positions, said the cash infusion was the largest investment HHHS had seen in the last 10 years and the second largest it had seen

since the construction of the HHHS facilities themselves.

Longtime hospice volunteer and HHHS community advisory committee member Dorothy Owens spoke about the importance of the funding for those facing the end of life.

"Individuals want to remain in their homes for as long as they possibly can," Owens said. "These investments will provide opportunities and access to services that can make that wish a reality and will also provide better quality of life for the living and also for the dying. Haliburton County is a great place to live and it just got even better."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt brought congratulations from Haliburton County council on behalf of Warden Murray Fearrey.

"It's often been said that it takes a village to raise a child," Moffatt said. "I think in our community it takes a village to ensure that seniors and vulnerable folks are safe and healthy in their homes. The programs that are going to be rolled out from this funding are really going to help."

MPP Laurie Scott congratulated Eskedjian and HHHS board members.

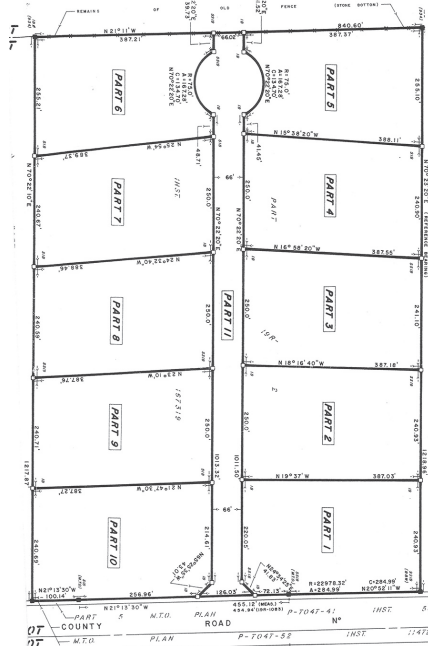
"This is like winning the lottery, but it isn't as easy as winning the lottery and I think Varouj and the board here deserve a great deal of credit for engaging in the process of integrating, recognizing the needs of our community and especially the rural challenges we have in delivering the health care that we need," Scott said. "This is a very proud day for Haliburton County."

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Taking the wheel

ALMOST EXACTLY a year ago, I wrote a column called Mr. Plow about the dangerously sub-par winter maintenance of provincial highways in the county.

"Carillion needs to step it up," the column read. "Saving money on highway maintenance shouldn't mean putting public safety at risk."

A year later, those sentences still ring true. Nothing has changed. Highways 35 and 118 remain in deplorable condition and, as reader Sean Pennylegion pointed out in a poignant letter last week, Carillion, the multinational company that is three seasons into a 10-year contract with the province, seems none too concerned about it.

The provincial government, which seems alarmingly fine with putting its citizens at risk, needs to intervene.

The paper asked the Ministry of Transportation for a copy of the contract between the province and Carillion and was told we'd need to file a Freedom of Information request for the document, which is outrageous, but which we're doing.

Presumably built into that contract is some kind of opt-out clause for the government if the contractor fails to meet its obligations.

Haliburton County is not on its own when it comes to a noticeable degradation in the quality of winter

highway maintenance.

As reported in this issue by editor Jenn Watt, last winter the opposition PCs requested the auditor general investigate the contracts and a report from the auditor general is expected back this winter.

That report is to address the number of winter maintenance vehicles in use, circuit times for operators, the proper and efficient use of chemical melters and salt, hours of operation and response times.

Hopefully the document will spur the government to some kind of action but, just in case, we as a community need to take matters into our own hands to ensure we don't become roadkill.

The province needs to hear the message loud and clear.

The MTO has a service feedback form that can be accessed at <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/feedback/service-commitment.shtml>.

It takes just a few minutes.

Also, a Muskoka publication reported recently that a resident in that municipality has started an online petition in protest of poor highway maintenance there.

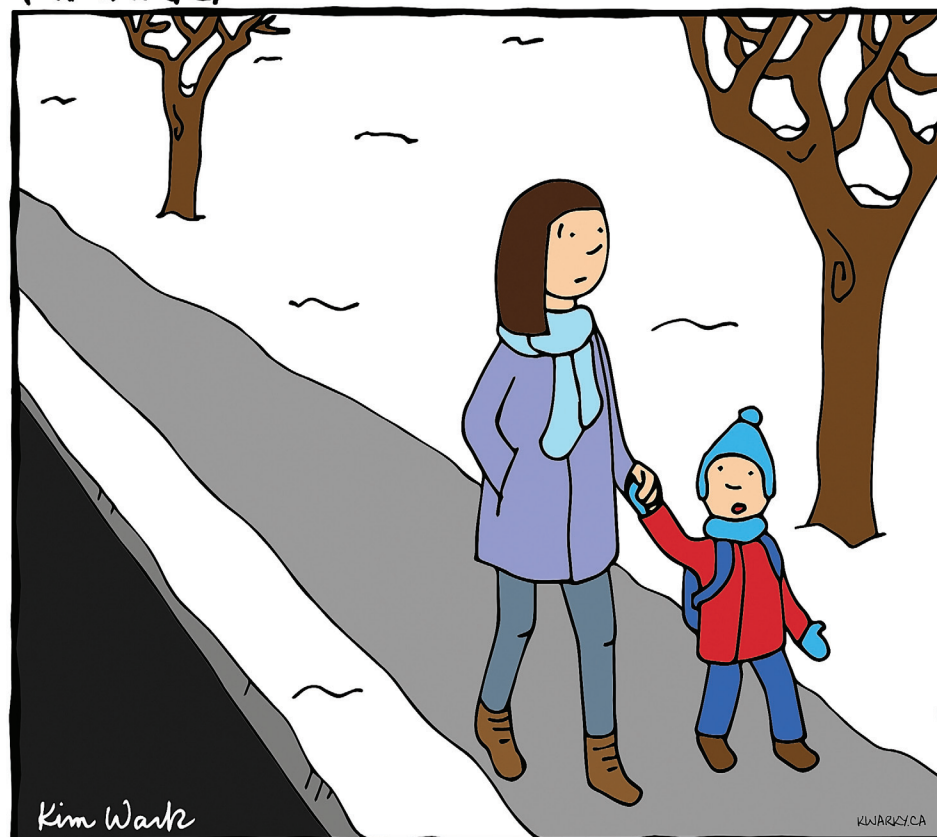
It might be a good idea for some civic-minded Haliburtonian to start up one for this community.

This has gone way over the line. Time for us to take the wheel.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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"IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE CAR, MOM?"

Manspreading and other new terms

I'M GUESSING it's probably because I have short legs. That's why, I assume, I was one of the last to hear about manspreading – a popular term now widely used to describe when a man sits with his legs spread wide open.

Apparently, manspreading is getting a lot of ink in the mainstream media these days – probably because there's not much going on in the world right now.

Despite this, I still wouldn't know about the term if not for a reader of this column.

Honestly, I'm not sure about the spotlight now being shined on that area, however.

The truth is this is not even a trend. Or if it is, it is the longest trend in human history.

We men have been sitting with our knees as far apart as we can physically manage forever. In fact, I think the practice originated in the Garden of Eden, most likely because fig leaves are itchy. I also imagine we did it a lot during those stone-aged winters too so we could get our important frozen parts closer to the fire. Fig leaves and warmth aside, there are two other legitimate reasons for manspreading. The first is because there is such a thing as too much togetherness and every now and then it's good to have a cooling off period. The second good reason is because you have been riding a horse for the last 18 hours solid and you couldn't close your legs if you tried.

Other than that, you're just showing off.

The thing is for thousands of years, we didn't have a name for this – which suited everyone just fine.

But since we have now determined we need a name for this, I'd like to thank the committee that chose the term manspread-

ing. After all, it could have been a whole lot worse.

For instance, we could have called it Mick Jaggering, because it puts the Stones front and centre.

Call it what you like. It's never pretty.

My worst manspreading incident occurred when I was young and a member of the Toronto Scottish Regiment – which, by the way, was predominantly filled with Ukrainians at the time.

As a member of a Scottish Regiment, I was no stranger to the kilt or the fact that you were ordered to be "regimental" when wearing one. That meant no boxers or briefs. As an aside, this also explains why I always tell people I was in a commando unit.

For the most part, being regimental was a welcome development which kept my underwear costs down.

The problem was, every now and then, you'd forget you were wearing a kilt and you would without thought, resort to manspreading – once, as it happens, on a crowded bus while on my way to Fort York Armoury.

This is only one reason I am grateful that cellphone cameras and the Internet weren't around when I was younger.

All this is to say that while manspreading is for the most part a harmless posture, it also has the potential to create traumatic experiences, especially if the man is wearing loose shorts or a kilt. So, while I am not exactly a fan of the word, I do think it serves a useful purpose.

It reminds men of the need to think about the social implications of sitting the way we do. Or at least consider riding our horses side saddle.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

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Silver Foxes

I'VE ALWAYS appreciated lawyers. The best of them view situations from a higher hill than most of us. They see things from offbeat angles that give them a different perspective. The smartest of them have wits as sharp as glass chips.

I was thinking about this as I read of the death of Eddie Greenspan, one of Canada's most famous criminal lawyers. He defended some very high profile defendants - wife killers Peter Demeter and Helmuth Buxbaum, and Robert Latimer, who euthanized his disabled daughter. Conrad Black was one of his clients who ended up in prison.

Greenspan once explained why he took cases that others might avoid.

"I defend people, not crimes. And I defend innocent people, because until they're convicted, everybody is presumed to be innocent . . . I don't believe that we, as lawyers, can make moral judgments about our clients. If they say they're innocent, they're innocent."

He didn't make any public moral judgments about Conrad Black, who he defended but who was convicted in the United States of fraud and obstruction of justice. He did, however, publicly rebuke Black for criticizing his defence of him.

Black, who never stumbled across a puffed up word or phrase he did not like, wrote: "Eddie Greenspan's methods were far too ponderous for the rapid cadence of American courts."

Greenspan responded with a rebuttal in the *Globe and Mail* newspaper.

He recalled the joke of the guy who walks into a bar, orders a beer and says "When McTavish drinks everybody drinks!" The crowd cheers him as the bartender refills their glasses. McTavish drains his pint, orders another, announces again, "When McTavish drinks, everybody drinks!"

Again, cheerful applause. He drains this pint too, puts \$10 on the bar and heads out, calling over his shoulder, "When McTavish pays, everybody pays!"

Essentially that was Black's response to being convicted, Greenspan wrote.

"Some clients want others to pay with them. They want - need - to lay blame elsewhere and point the finger at everybody."

He added: "Conrad's flawed account of his own trial is a reminder of how seldom an accused person actually grasps what is going on in court."

A skillful evisceration, done quickly and neatly by a master lawyer. It opened yet another window on Black's unusual personality.

Greenspan reminded me of another legal great, John J. Robinette, who often represented news organizations, including my employer, *The Canadian Press* news agency.

One day a Toronto police detective arrived at my office door seeking some information that he had no right to and which I had no intention of giving him. He sat down and hunted through his briefcase looking for some document or other. In the process he removed a holstered handgun from the briefcase and placed it on my desk. I took this as a clumsy form of intimidation and responded by picking up my desk phone and calling J. J. Robinette. Mr. Robinette (I always called him Mr.) advised me to tell the detective that if he wanted to question me he should do so in the Robinette law offices with my lawyer present.

A date and time were set for the interrogation and Mr. Robinette asked me to meet him early in his conference room. I arrived and found him sitting at the conference table with his back to a row of windows. I took the seat across from him but he asked me to come around the table and sit beside him. I said I was comfortable where I was. He insisted that I would be much more comfortable on his side of the table.

Just before the detective arrived Mr. Robinette got up and adjusted the window shutters. When the detective sat down where I had been sitting, a shaft of bright sunlight hit him in the face like an interrogation lamp.

"I think he got the message about trying to intimidate people," Robinette smiled after the detective left.

I understood then why people called him the Silver Fox.

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Jim Poling Sr.

From Shaman's Rock

Minden needs optometrist

To the Editor,

Minden is 150 years old and still there is no Optometrist in Minden. You need good eyesight to drive, read or do anything! One million dollars was spent for a library in Haliburton and \$1.4 million was spent for a library in Minden. What good is a library when you have to have good

eyesight in order to read? Anybody knows that. On the TV news it said a kid should have an eye test before starting school. Also, it's costing the people money to drive out of town to see an optometrist. All people (from Minden) have to travel to Haliburton and even as far as Ottawa to see their optometrist. 100% true.

Simone Harrison

This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the Jan. 14, 2005 issue:

A story by editor Martha Perkins explains how emergency room doctors are filling the gap left by a lack of family physicians in Minden. This gap was especially pronounced because of the retirement of family physician Dr. Jaan Roos, but Dr. David Fiddler at the Minden ER said the rotation of nine doctors there would "do what needs to be done." The community had applied to be one of 45 in the province that would receive a family health team.

Lance Crossley reported that students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School had raised more than \$2,000 in relief funds for those affected by the tsunami that killed hundreds of thousands of people in south Asia on Boxing Day. Grade 8 teacher Raylene Clarke had pledged to match whatever total her students raised. Students were also learning how to cope with the disturbing and disastrous images of the event they were seeing in the media.

The Ontario government and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board announced that non-profit community groups would be able to use school facilities at no cost. Previously the spaces had to be rented by users. This was particularly welcome news for the Minden Badminton Club, headed up by Lois Rigney.

From the Jan. 15, 1990 issue:

The front page story headline declares, "Fearrey calls it quits after 14 years as Dysart's reeve."

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis is quoted in the story as saying the past couple of years had been frustrating for Fearrey, with the stalling of projects including the hospital expansion and sewer line extension.

"And although he is stepping back from public office at this time, Fearrey does not rule out the possibility of re-entering the political forum," the story reads. Council would reappoint Fearrey to the table and he was elected reeve again in 1995.

Minden council agrees to sell downtown's Village Green to Gary Thurston for \$100,000. Merchants fear this will mean the loss of some public parking. The township had been selling off property to pay for required repairs at the arena. "Steel girders which make up the arena's frame are being eaten away by the calcium used in the building's construction," a story by Jay Kerr-Wilson reads and also mentions a lawsuit being initiated against the companies that constructed the building.



HCPL's Junior Book of the Month

I'll Give You the Sun
by Jandy Nelson

Noah and Jude are twins.

Noah is artistic, drawing all the time and falling in love with the charismatic boy next door.

Jude is a daredevil, wearing red lipstick and cliff-diving.

Once inextricably close, the twins are no longer talking to one another, the result of a wrecking ball that has changed them in different and dramatic ways.

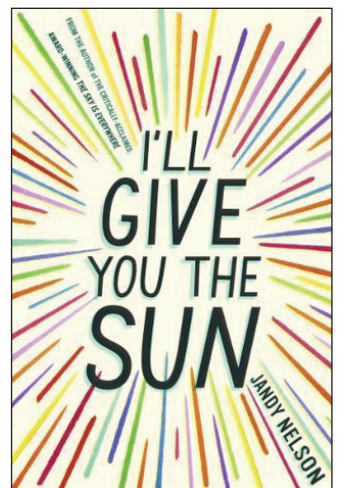
Told in alternating voices, *I'll Give You the Sun* gives Noah the early years to tell, and Jude the later years. Each twin only has half the story, but if they could find their way back to one another they might have a chance to put their world back

together again.

I'll Give You the Sun is Jandy Nelson's second Young Adult novel, and is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

"What should I read next?" Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, or find us on Pinterest and get some great reading recommendations from HCPL. You can also join our Online Book Club on Goodreads which features four selections every month. For links, go to our website at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca.





TD supports nature programming

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust executive director Larry O'Connor presents Minden TD branch manager Carol Patrick with a "passport" for the trust's 2015 educational program series Nature in the 'Hood: Discovery Days. The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation will help underwrite some of the cost of the programming through a grant. The first event of the series is a Jan. 25 snowshoe trek at the Dahl Forest and will feature members of the Minden Fur Harvesters teaching participants how to recognize animal prints in the snow. The event runs from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. /Chad Ingram



That's a lot of toenails

Vet Dr. Jenn Morrow of the Minden Animal Hospital provided toenail clippings for pets by donation during the month of the December. Last week, Morrow donated the \$791 she collected to SIRCH Community Services. From left are Katie Duarte, Lindsay Bagg, Wendy Iles of SIRCH, Morrow and Liana Moraal. /Chad Ingram

Christmas bird count sets records

Dennis Barry
Special to the Times

The weather is always critical to the finding birds in mid-December. This year's weather was nearly perfect. Winds were light, temperatures were mild and there was almost no precipitation. Open water on Gull Lake encouraged a common loon to remain on Deep Bay, and a belted Kingfisher to continue fishing at the mouth of Hunter Creek on Sandy Bay. Another kingfisher was taking advantage of high water in Gull River upstream from the lake. The biggest surprise was hearing a kingfisher call along Beaver Creek where it crosses Scotch Line West.

A record 25 folks were out checking fields, forests and waterways for birds from sunup to sundown, and an equal number counted birds that came to dine at their feeding stations. In total they found 48 kinds of birds, about average for this count. My wife, Margaret, and I did manage to canoe for seven kilometres on Gull River and Gull Lake, but ice forming on the lake kept us from

exploring the island-studded lower parts where interesting waterfowl often hang out.

The Scotch Line landfill always attracts interesting birds, especially gulls. Attendants there said gulls had been absent for the past week, but warmer weather and limited snow cover encouraged them to return during the day. By mid-afternoon the increasing numbers of herring gulls there were accompanied by a beautiful adult lesser black-backed gull, the first ever on the count. At dawn an adult bald eagle perched in a nearby tree, one of five found that day. The only red-tailed hawk was also there, no doubt, watching for small mammals coming to look for food.

Other hawks included a record high three rough-legged hawks from the Arctic, a sharp-shinned hawk trying to catch small birds in a corn field near Irondale, and a northern goshawk, photographed crouched over a mallard it had killed, one of a large flock of ducks being fed in a driveway along Horseshoe Lake Road. A bumper crop of mice this fall, together with pleasant weather, contributed to the record four barred owls seen. Randy Beakler

came by his house in Kinmount on his route around the southern part of the count circle, only to discover a barred owl perched in a tree at his back door.

Ed Poropat and John Boxall were surprised and excited to find a hermit thrush along the Milburn Road, only the second record in the 48 year count history. A female wood duck at Moore Falls was the first since 2000.

George Anderson had a gray jay visiting his feeder along the Gelert Road just off County Road 121. This species used to be much more common in the area, but the population here at the southern edge of its range has declined rapidly over the past several decades. Part of the reason for this probably is related to warming winters. Gray jays begin nesting in February. They rely heavily on food they coat with saliva and store during autumn. Frequent winter thaws and freezes cause the food to spoil, thus it's not available to feed newly hatched young in late winter.

A great big thank you to all who made this year's count a resounding success. If for some reason you forgot to forward your results, it's not too late. You can email them to dbarry@interlinks.net, or mail them to Dennis Barry 338 Crystal Beach Blvd. Whitby, ON L1N 9Z7.



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Losing is hard. It weighs on your mind and feeds into other parts of your life. It festers in dark corners and seeps into how you view the world, or worse, yourself. It plays with your emotions and slowly erodes your motivation and soon you may not see the point in trying, at all. They say it's just a game, but if taken too seriously, the game can make you bitter, frustrated and angry. But it's only then that you truly have lost.

Many believe that winning only relates to the final tally, but to judge winners only by the score would limit the benefits of sport immeasurably. To be sure, the Highland Storm Peewee AEs have done their share of losing as far as the scoreboard is concerned, but to a player, this team is so much more than that. Week after week, faced with the prospect of another tough game, this team has showed up, laced up the skates, and put out the effort to progressively get better.

On Saturday, the squad were home to the Huntsville Otters. Huntsville came out flying but goalie, Nate Misco was sharp and up to the task early. Although the Otters were able to pocket a few, Billy Walker banged one in from Brendan Coumbs and Ethan Coles to keep the score tight. Things got away from the Storm in the second but they came out flying in the third and never gave up. William Petrie found himself alone in front after some nice spade work by Tyler Martin and Jake Sisson and Ethan Coles captured another with the help of Coumbs.

On Sunday, they put out another great effort, Brendan Coumbs scoring with the help of Jaylin Frost and Brady Baldry, to prove that this team wins every time they step on the ice. Well done, Storm!

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Midget AE team plays Bracebridge

Friday, Jan. 9, Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AEs travelled to Bracebridge for Game 1 of our MPS play downs. With great effort they left with a 7-3 lose to Huntsville. Goals by Hunter Bishop, Jon Morrison and Tyler Casey. Assists by Connor Gadway, Chase Burden, Mark Saville, Brayden Roberts and Dillon Tallman.

Saturday we faced off against Muskoka Rock at 11:30, teamwork proved to our benefit with a 5-0 win. Goals by: Tyler Casey (2), Dillon Tallman, Jordan "Nimmer" Nimigon, Chase Burden. Assists by Brayden Roberts, Ethan Keefer, Chase Burden, Nic Thompson, Chris Thompson, Hunter Bishop and Connor Gadway. Excellent goal tendering by Jaxson Campbell.

Game 3: Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AEs faced off against Almaguin. Battling back and forth we tied 2-2 in regulation play. OT resulted in three minute four-on-four, where we fell short.

Goals scored by Chase Burden and Nic Thompson. Assists by Chris Thompson. Amazing goal tendering by Riley Lambshead.

Sunday we faced off against South Muskoka at 10 a.m. in

Bracebridge. The game was back forth kind of game. We scored with an answered goal by South Muskoka. South Muskoka scored only to have us answer back with another goal. Playing four-on-four for three minutes with no goals. Three-on-three for three minutes proved otherwise with South Muskoka scoring with only a minute left on the clock. Great game, boys! Goals scored by Tyler Casey unassisted and Brayden Roberts assisted by Ethan Keefer and Nic Thompson.

Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AEs play in Minden on Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. against Huntsville. Come out and cheer on the team.

Submitted by Monica Keefer

Girls play in Hawks tournament

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls travelled to Orillia this past weekend for the Orillia Hawks Tournament. In pool play on Friday, the Storm defeated the strong and talented Norfolk Hericanes 3-1. After two scoreless periods Kennadal Marsden scored on a power-play early in the third period and Alicia McLean slipped one past the Norfolk netminder to put the Storm up 2-1 midway through the third period after Norfolk had tied the game at 1-1. Erin Little added an empty net insurance marker late in the third period to solidify the 3-1 win.

In the late evening 9:40 p.m. Friday night tilt, the Storm took to the ice against the aggressive Lynx from Lindsay. A scoreless first period pushed the Storm to step up their level of play. Erin Little spurred the squad on with a second period wrister going high glove. Kennadal Marsden and Brynn Meyers added insurance markers in the 3-0 shut out win, both with rushes and going forehand-backhand to beat the Lindsay tender. Connor Marsden turned away all Lindsay shooters to secure the win and a spot in Sunday's semi-final games with the two early wins in pool play.

On Saturday afternoon, the Storm played the Ennismore Eagles for their third game in their pool play to determine who they would play on Sunday semi-final. Still fighting the first period blues, the Storm stepped up their play again in the second and third periods. Becca Anderson, Alicia McLean, Erin Little and Kelsey Maracle all tallied to beat the Eagles 4-0. Connor Marsden earned the shut-out win, keeping the Storm undefeated and securing the first spot in pool.

On Sunday, the Storm hit the ice in their early 8:30 a.m. semi-final start against the Cold Creek Comets. After another scoreless first period, the Comets capitalized on the power play to take a 1-0 lead in the second period. The Storm stepped up and fought back with a tying goal from Sydney Feir early in the third period which seemed to push the squad along. Midway through the third period Kennadal Marsden went bar down with a wrister from the high slot to take a 2-1 lead and then secured the championship game appearance with an empty netter for the 3-1 win.

The Storm faced off against the Norfolk Hericanes in the midget B Championship Sunday afternoon. The Norfolk squad looked to avenge their pool play loss and capitalized on the power play mid-

way through the second period to take a 1-0 after another hard-fought scoreless first period. The Storm stepped up their level of play again and took the challenge to the Hericanes. Early in the third period Sydney Feir tied the game at 1-1 with a power play snipe. Midway through the third, Kennadal Marsden finished off a rush with a high glove snap shot to put the Storm up 2-1. Erin Little solidified the Championship with an empty netter to secure the 3-1 win. Great tournament girls! Your attention to the game plans and team play focus made the Orillia Hawks Tourney Championship a reality. Well done ... repeat Champs! The Storm host the Keene Wolverines Monday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Wilberforce and then host the Ennismore Eagles Sunday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. in Minden in their late season push to maintain first place in their LLFHL Eastern loop, helping them gear up for the league play-offs and provincial play downs. Keep up the great efforts girls!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Bantam A Finalist in MPS Playdowns

The Storm team travelled to Parry Sound this weekend to participate in the MPS playdown tournament.

It started on Friday night with a 6-0 win against South Muskoka. It took the Storm two periods to warm up, but a few minutes into the third period, the goals began. Flood scored two, Lucas Haedicke, Devyn Prentice, Cooper and Manning scored the rest. Assists by Cooper, Flood, Manning, Devyn Prentice, Patterson-Smith, O'Neill and Walker. A great job by all the boys, and a nice shutout for Smolen.

The Storm worked hard against the Huntsville Otters, provided some great hockey entertainment but lost the next game 4-3 in overtime. Cooper earned a hat-trick, assists by Lucas Haedicke and Flood.

Next, the Storm blew over the Parry Sound Shamrocks 6-0. It was a scoreless first period. Late in the second Turner shot the puck from behind the net and it deflected in making it 1-0. The Storm dominated the third period. Goal scorers were Patterson-Smith, Cooper, Flood, Devyn Prentice and Jacob Haedicke. Assists by Dollo, O'Neill and Cooper. Another sweet shutout for Smolen.

The Storm didn't have much left for the final game against the Huntsville Otters, and lost 5-1. They did their best to compete during the first period, coming out of that losing 1-0. Being out-played most of the game, the Storm could not afford any penalties as Huntsville was ready to capitalize on it. Midway through the third period, Patterson-Smith managed a goal, passes from Manning and Schmidt, making it 3-1. That gave the Storm a bit of a boost, but not for long. Huntsville reacted with a couple more goals ending the game. All games were well played by the boys, special mention to Parker Smolen, for an awesome job in net.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke



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Browning to play major role in games

Jenn Watt
Editor

A letter left in the mailbox of one of Canada's best known figure skaters paid off for Ontario 55+ Winter Games manager Myke Malone, who confirmed last week that Kurt Browning would be playing a central role in the Haliburton County event.

"I wrote up a letter and left it in his mailbox out on Mountain Lake in August and didn't hear a response and out of the blue in early December Kurt emailed me," said Malone.

He said Browning was enthusiastic about his involvement, offering to do as much as the organizers wanted him to do.

They took him up on it.

During the games, which run from Feb. 17 to 19 throughout the county, Browning will be the MC of the opening ceremonies, closing ceremonies, present medals at the

skating competition and make impromptu appearances at hockey events.

"After about a decade of always being the oldest athlete at the rink, this opportunity to be the youngest was a no-brainer," Browning said in a release. "I look forward to an inspiring games!"

"This is incredibly exciting news," said chairman of the 2015 games Alan Clark in a release. "I just know that having one of the world's greatest winter athletes present will inspire our participants."

Browning is not doing formal public appearances, Malone said, but there are a few ways you could improve your chances of seeing him around the county.

Volunteers are invited to attend the closing ceremonies, which will include Browning lip syncing with a Haliburton super group of musicians.

"If the general public get out to any of the hockey games or skating competition they may have a chance to see him or meet him then," Malone said.

Volunteers needed for Winter Games

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Fun, camaraderie and Highlands pride.

These are just a few of the reasons organizers are encouraging people to volunteer their time for the Ontario 55+ Winter Games coming to Haliburton County this February.

Being held throughout the county from Feb. 17 to 19, the event is a friendly competition that includes activities such as hockey, table tennis, curling, alpine skiing and more.

To ensure the games go smoothly, organizers are seeking approximately 250 volunteers to help with everything from being a Highlands ambassador to assisting with registration, transportation, accommodations and more.

A volunteer in the 2011 event, Roxanne Casey decided to get involved because of her love of the area.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. "You meet all kinds of people ... you're able to generate this enthusiasm for having all of these people come to our county ... volunteers were walking around the street and saying hi to people."

To date there are about 150 people signed up to volunteer, said Casey, who is the volunteer co-ordinator for this year's event.

This will mark the second time the Winter Games has been hosted in the county, the first taking place in February 2011.

"It certainly is a major event for the county and we had a successful go at it last time and thought we could do it

again," said volunteer co-ordinator and Haliburton County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson.

With about 1,000 people registered for the event, Wilson believes there are many benefits to the county hosting the Winter Games, including economic spin-off and a chance to show off the area.

The idea is to showcase the gems throughout Haliburton Highlands.

Like in 2011, the games will include an opening and closing ceremony to be hosted at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The ceremonies will be open only to volunteers and will feature local talent, as well as some surprise guests, said organizers.

Organizers say there is a volunteer role for everybody, whether they are personable, organized, energetic or interested in behind the scenes work.

Those who assist with the event will get the opportunity to meet new people, a signature yellow scarf created just for the games and the chance to meet a Canadian celebrity.

Casey said overall those who help out will have an experience they won't soon forget.

Organizers are looking for a minimum commitment of four hours from volunteers. Those interested in volunteering can visit www.ontario55pluswinter-games.com and click on the tab marked volunteers.

All participants must fill out a volunteer registration form, indicating what role they are interested in filling during the games.

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2014 Year in Review

January



Ice racing attracted spectators last year at the Minden Fairgrounds. Organized by the Minden Kinsmen Club, the annual event is in its 37th year. /Angelica Blenich

Minden Hills election campaign kicks off early

The election was more than nine months away, but the race for positions on Minden Hills council had already started.

Brent Devolin filed a nomination for reeve on Jan. 2 setting the local businessman up as a contender for incumbent reeve Barb Reid.

"What became obvious to me is that the Minden Hills council run by Reeve Barb Reid is dysfunctional," said Devolin. "That's probably the reason that began my thoughts, that I would potentially run for reeve." Reid defended her position after a term she feels has been successful.

Families run out of fuel in cold snap

A handful of Haliburton County families were without heat in their homes during severely cold temperatures in January.

"As of Wednesday, all calls had been filled," Joanne Barnes of Fuel for Warmth told the *Times*.

Fuel for Warmth provides furnace oil, propane, kerosene and firewood to families who have trouble heating their homes in the winter.

"I'm like the messenger, I order the fuel,"

Barnes said. "That doesn't mean it's going to be there in the next 10 minutes."

In the case of oil, Barnes said delivery time depends on the oil company and can take between one and seven days.

February



There were close to 25 participants who marched on trails during the Algonquin Highlands Sport for Life Guided Snowshoe Hike on Feb. 4 at the Leslie M. Frost Centre just south of Dorset on Highway 35. The group was fortunate enough to see a variety of animals signs, including moose tracks and excrement. This was part of a six-week offering. For more information see www.algonquinhighlands.ca. /Darren Lum

AH writes letter to province on poor highway maintenance

Algonquin Highlands joined the list of Ontario municipalities asking the provincial government to intervene in the winter maintenance of its highways. Last winter marked the second in a 10-year contract between the province and multinational company Carillion, which is responsible for maintaining highways in the county.

Residents complained of the drop in quality in 2013, but in 2014, with the extreme weather, there seemed to be more unhappy motorists.

"I have fielded an extraordinary number of complaints," Reeve Carol Moffatt told her colleagues during a Feb. 6 council meeting. "The situation is escalating across the province."

MH roads worker assaulted

A Minden Hills roads worker was assaulted while doing his job.

According to a press release from the OPP, around 7 a.m. on Feb. 21 a man approached a township employee in a sander truck parked on Coxfarm Road. After swearing at the driver about road conditions, the man punched him, causing minor injuries, before fleeing in a pickup truck.

March

Minden Hills hires Intelivote for election

Chief administrative officer of Minden Hills Nancy Wright-Laking recommended the township hire Darmouth-based company Intelivote to provide Internet and phone voting services for October's municipal election.

Minden Hills council flip-flopped on choosing a voting method late in 2013, first deciding to stay with mail-in ballots and then choosing electronic and telephone voting as alternative methods.

It was the first time Internet/phone voting has been used in the county.



Fire claimed a historic farmhouse on St. Peter's Road in Algonquin Highlands on the morning of March 4. Firefighters got the call to the blaze, which started as a chimney fire, around 4 a.m. /Chad Ingram

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Senior skaters Ainsley Little, left, Callie Dick and Shae MacNaull were all cards at the Alice in Wonderland performance on April 13 at the SG Nesbitt arena in Minden. /Angelica Blenich

April

Food hub gets Trillium grant

A Trillium grant was received to complete both phases of the Haliburton County Food Centre. The food centre – a joint effort between the Minden Food Bank and members of the Minden Masonic Hall – received a \$150,000 Trillium grant. The provincially funded Ontario Trillium Foundation awards about 1,500 grants a year to non-profit and charitable organizations for community projects.

Minden Hills dismisses chief building official

Minden Hills chief building official Ken Jones has been terminated. Jones had been on medical leave for three years. "The township does not comment on human resources issues," Reeve Barb Reid wrote in an email to the paper.

New pretrial in Kennedy murder case

The Ryan Kennedy murder case was back at the judicial pretrial stage. A new pretrial for the 2011 killing of the 21-year-old Haliburton County man began on April 30. While a trial for the four accused had begun in Oshawa on Jan. 21, a mistrial was declared on March 13. Details are subject to a publication ban. Tin Wai Hong, Mason Gillard-Gatza, Nathaniel Cain

and Raphael Guerra are each charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder.

Minden Hills hires headhunters

Minden Hills township hired Toronto-based recruitment firm Feldman Daxon Partners Ltd. to find a new community services director for the township. Councillors voted to hire the firm for a total of \$18,080 during their April 24 meeting. The motion had come before councillors at a committee-of-the-whole meeting earlier in the month, but was deferred when it looked like the motion would be turned down.

County moves on standalone EMS base

Haliburton County will construct a standalone EMS base on the former Walker's Auto Repair property along Highway 35 in Minden. For months, councillors have been delaying a decision on whether to partner with Minden Hills township on a joint EMS base/fire hall at the site or construct a standalone facility. Council was waiting to see what sort of infrastructure funding might become available from senior levels of government. In January, Minden Hills council passed a resolution that the township would split costs on a joint project, subject to the caveat that grants for construction were available.

May

Johnson and Scott face off again

For the third time in seven years, Liberal Rick Johnson squared off against Progressive Conservative Laurie Scott for the provincial seat in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. With NDP leader Andrea Horwath's announcement that her party would not support the Liberal budget tabled May 1, Ontario was in election mode. Election day was June 12.

Algonquin Highlands fire chief resigns

Keith Thomas resigned as fire chief for Algonquin Highlands. Thomas, a longtime firefighter with the Stanhope hall, took the helm from former chief John Hogg at the beginning of the year. Thomas remained in the position until June, helping the township fill the role, and remained the district chief for the Stanhope station, a position he held before becoming chief for the township. "We are disappointed that it didn't work out for Keith, and look forward to filling the role," Reeve Carol Moffatt wrote in an email. "Keith remains a committed and highly regarded firefighter in Algonquin Highlands."

Residents want derelict building down

Residents of Kinmount wanted a derelict building

along the village's main drag demolished. A former gas station, the building had been sitting abandoned near the intersection of county roads 121 and 503 for 20 years. The last owner of the business went bankrupt. "It's demoralizing for a community to have to cope with that at the entrance to town," said Diane Austin, a member of the Kinmount committee for planning and economic development. Austin said residents have been lobbying the City of Kawartha Lakes and the provincial government to do something about the situation for years. "It's gone on so long and members of the community have tried so hard," Austin said. "We're absolutely exhausted."

Councillors question one-stop housing support system

An effort to streamline housing services between the City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) and Haliburton County ended up causing confusion and left municipal politicians unsure of what would happen to service organizations such as A Place Called Home and the John Howard Society. According to background documents for CKL council, in November of 2013 "council endorsed the development of an Integrated Housing Help Centre for the delivery of housing and homeless services starting July 2014. The continuation of the previous funding agreements with numerous agencies beyond June 2014 was not considered." County councillor Barb Reid explained the idea hasn't been well executed, leaving councillors and local service providers wondering what the one-stop system would mean for Haliburton County. Despite councillors' questions about how this would affect local agencies and what they thought about it, no answers were immediately forthcoming.

Townships on list without permission

Haliburton County councillors were unsure how the municipality and its lower tiers ended up on a list of local governments supporting the work of an organization called the Ontario Mayors' Coalition



Minden Hills employees along with members of the Minden Rotary Club negotiate a hill on St. Germaine Street as they ride the Big Bike for the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation in Minden on May 22. Minden Hills workers raised more than \$3,000 for the cause.

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The list is contained in a 2012 newsletter, identified as the first in a series of newsletters from the group, which has been calling for changes to the OPP billing model for more than two years.

The new proposed model, which the provincial government had been planning to adopt as soon as June for implementation in 2015, attempts to reallocate policing costs on a per household basis throughout the province.

Naqvi tells pols decision on model not imminent

Yasir Naqvi, the Ottawa-Centre MPP and minister of community safety and correctional services under the Kathleen Wynne government, told Haliburton County officials that a decision on a new billing model for the OPP was not imminent.

Naqvi spoke to three of the county's reeves, as well as politicians from the municipality of North Kawartha, during a conference call May 20.

"He basically confirmed that it was not a slam dunk," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey told the paper.

The proposed billing formula, which seeks to redistribute OPP costs on a per household basis, would see policing costs in the county spike from \$3.3 to more than \$6.5 million next year.

June

ATV racer leading series

Minden's Cody Withey was excited about his prospects to win the overall title at the Canadian Motorsport Racing Corp pro championship.

Withey saw it as an opportunity for greater sponsorship opportunities and exposure, and was working hard to improve in the nine-round US American Motorcross Association ATV Motocross National race series.

"No matter what it's like a stepping stone," he said, referring to his ATV racing aspirations.

The Canadian ATV MX Race Team member was leading the overall point nine round series with a pair of second place finishes at Gopher Dunes and two first place finishes at the Paisley Rat Track.

Clarke jumps into reeve race

Minden Hills councillor Larry Clarke believes in an inclusive and collaborative leadership style.

The councillor-at-large was hoping to bring that kind of approach to the residents of Minden Hills, as he prepared to run for reeve, filing his nomination papers on May 30.

Clarke was the third name to be added to the race, with current reeve Barb Reid running, along with Brent Devolin.

The councillor and Gull Lake resident decided to run for the position of reeve in the hopes of bringing his economic background and political experience to

the table.

VON worker honoured for saving life

Zoltan Barabas was presented a sign as a gift from Brad Trumbull at the Victorian Order of Nurses spring volunteer appreciation tea on May 29 at Highland Crest. Barabas was recognized at the event for coming to Trumbull's aid when he was severely sick and saving his life.

"I think if I were in trouble Brad would have done the same thing," said Barabas. "I believe in life that you can't expect people to help you or be good to you if you're not willing to be good to people and help them when you can."

Scott reclaims MPP seat

On June 12, Progressive Conservative Laurie Scott beat Liberal candidate Rick Johnson for a third time to become MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

But while the supporters gathered at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club were happy to see their candidate in the lead from the outset, the mood turned cool when it became clear the Liberals were heading for a majority government.

Minden Hills to demolish Gelert Hall

Minden Hills issued a request for proposals for the demolition and removal of the Gelert Hall.

Township property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram made the recommendation to councillors at their June 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

"It's not a report that I'm happy to bring to council, but I think it's a realistic report and recommendation," Ingram said.

The building, a former schoolhouse, has been closed to the public for more than two years due to issues with mould and a large amount of bat guano.

Previously, council had been discussing applying for a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for renovations to the building.

MH planner leaves for new job

Minden Hills's planning administrator Adam King vacated his position with the township in June. King, who began working with the municipality in February of 2013, took a position with the provincial government, a job he said would help him achieve his career goals.

"I have had a wonderful time working at the township of Minden Hills," said King. "The experience has broadened my understanding of municipal planning issues and the variety of perspectives and interests which impact how decisions are made."

Community Care folds into HHHS

After 15 months of work, representatives from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Community Care Haliburton County, SIRCH Community Services and the Victorian Order of Nurses presented their transition plan for approval on June 25.

The plan came into effect on Sept. 30 and changed the landscape of community services in Haliburton County.

One of the most notable changes was to local com-

munity service providers Community Care and the Haliburton branch of the VON, which folded into HHHS.

The new structure saw a new division added to HHHS, in addition to the hospital and long-term care branches, one specifically focused on community health services.

Hospice services previously facilitated by SIRCH also fell under the new branch and became the responsibility of HHHS.

Trailblazers' efforts recognized

Peter and Margaret Brogden had two benches named after them along the Frost Centre hiking trails. As thanks for all the contributions they have made to the community, Jane Boyd rallied a number of friends of the Brogdens to purchase and place the benches. On Monday, June 23, approximately 25 people arrived at the Frost Centre for 10 a.m. when the official dedication of the benches was held.

Boyd said that the bench dedication has been in the works for about a year, and that it was unique in that the benches are not in memoriam, but are rather more of a thank you gift.

Minden Hills faced another loss to its staff after CAO resigns

Another senior staff member left Minden Hills township.

Nancy Wright-Laking, chief administrative officer / clerk / economic development officer, tendered her resignation on June 20.

Wright-Laking told the *Times* she accepted a position with another Ontario municipality and is now the clerk in Sarnia. Wright-Laking was the 10th department head to leave the township during last council term.

Former property and environmental operations managers Peter Brown and Chris Voth, former community services directors Rick Cox and Janette Loveys, former clerk Cheryl McCarroll and former cultural centre director Daniela Pagliaro all resigned. Former CAO Gerry Morrison, former deputy-clerk Laura Cunliffe and former CBO Ken Jones were fired.

Redpath booted from MH personnel committee

Councillor Ken Redpath was booted from the Minden Hills personnel committee.

Redpath, who'd been chairman of the committee since councillor Larry Clarke left the three-member body, was removed from its membership in a motion brought to the table by councillor Brigitte Gall during a June 26 council meeting.

Gall said she'd been frustrated with the lack of information coming to council from the committee, which consisted of just Redpath and Reeve Barb Reid.

Her motion came just a day after former chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking abruptly left the township.

While Wright-Laking had submitted her resignation on June 20, initially she was going to stay on until the end of July.

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July

Video surfaces of Reid flipping the bird

Minden Hills Barb Reid has suggested that a picture of her giving the middle finger to a constituent on Canada Day may have been manipulated using Photoshop.

However, it came to light that the image actually came from a video.

The image of Reid making the gesture at resident Richard Bradley had been circulating the Internet since Bradley posted it to Facebook on July 1. The reeve formally apologized for the incident following a special meeting of Minden Hills council on July 3.

"I would like to express my deep regrets for the gesture I made," Reid said. "It's not something I normally do, despite whatever circumstances surrounding that. I would like to apologize to council, to staff and to the community for not representing the community the way I should have been. My apologies."

Blanchard named CAO

Minden Hills treasurer Lorrie Blanchard was named the township's new top bureaucrat.

Reeve Barb Reid confirmed to the *Times* that Blanchard would be named chief administrative officer/clerk/treasurer for the township in a special meeting of council on July 3.

That confirmation came just two days after the departure of CAO/clerk/economic development officer Nancy Wright-Laking, who was set to resign July 25, but left abruptly one month early.

New airport manager to touches down

Algonquin Highlands's new airport manager Cam Loucks took the controls at the Stanhope Airport July 17.

"He comes to us with a lot of experience, a lot of energy and a really positive attitude," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. "There are a lot of opportunities at the airport and having a new manager in place is a great thing."

Loucks, 37, was managing the Owen Sound Regional Airport and Warton Keppel International Airport.

'I'd like to give my say,' Beattie says

John Beattie said he just wants the same opportunities as other candidates in the Oct. 27 Minden Hills election.

Beattie, who founded and led the Canadian Nazi Party (later the National Socialist Party) in the 1960s and 1970s, filed papers June 2 to run as deputy-reeve of the township.

Unlike the rest of the municipal hopefuls, Beattie had not been invited to participate in the online forum ourmindenhills.ca.

The website asked a different question of candidates each week. Their responses are posted and residents have chance to post comments and ask followup

questions.

"I'd like to give my say," Beattie said. "I emailed them and asked if they were aware I'd registered. I didn't receive a response."

The site was moderated and edited by Michael Fay and Jack Brezina.

Brezina, the former owner of the *Minden Times*, told the paper he had no comment on the situation, Brezina was the owner of the *Times* in 1989 when Beattie organized a neo-Nazi rally in Minden that brought more than 200 skinheads to the community. It culminated with the burning of a large cross on Beattie's property.

Schmale named Conservative candidate for 2015

Jamie Schmale was named the Conservative candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the 2015 federal election.

"I'm humbled and excited to be acclaimed as the Conservative candidate in HKLB for the October 2015 election," Schmale wrote on his Twitter account on July 24. "I am honoured for this opportunity." Schmale is executive assistant to MP Barry Devolin, working as his communications manager for the past decade.

Gall to challenge Reid, Devolin for reeve

Another of Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid's former Vision Team members challenged her for leadership of the township.

On July 24, Ward 1 councillor Brigitte Gall withdrew her candidacy in the ward and added her name to the list of candidates for reeve.

She took on Reid and Brent Devolin.

"It's not a decision to be taken lightly," Gall told the paper, explaining it had been on her mind since January.

Boat ripped apart in accident on Kushog Lake

Three people were lucky to be alive after a boat ran ashore on Lake Kushog, skewering itself on a tree on David Pennycook's property.

Pennycook answered a knock at his door at 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 20 to find a woman asking for help. According to the Haliburton Highlands OPP, the driver of the boat was a 57-year-old Toronto man who had with him a female and male passenger. Pennycook told the *Times* the female and male passengers were the man's daughter and her boyfriend. "They were fairly cut up," Pennycook said. "They were in shock. As soon as I saw the extent of their injuries, I called 911."

The boat, a 16-foot fibreglass bow rider, sustained significant damage.

According to the Haliburton Highlands OPP, the three were transported to the Minden hospital and then to hospitals in Lindsay and Toronto where they were treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

According to police, there was fog and thick mist on the lake at the time of the crash.

Cottage arson takes Facebook twist

Carol Jennings' family's cottage off of Deep Bay Road was destroyed by fire Feb. 18.

However, it wasn't the first incident involving fire since they bought the seasonal home the previous summer.

The Brantford family purchased the cottage on Aug. 16, 2013.

Upon arrival for their first weekend at their new retreat, they were greeted by a strange and disturbing sight.

"Somebody had taken the 'for sale' sign and set it on fire," Jennings told the paper, explaining the remains of the sign were lying on a wooden walkway on the property. "Almost six months to the day, somebody came back and burned [the cottage] down."

A bizarre twist in the story was activity from two suspicious Facebook accounts.

One was registered in the name of Frank Cox, apparently from Tampa, Florida, and the other was an account for "Minden Ontario Canada Fire Department," which Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell confirmed was fake.

A visit to the page shows a picture of a grey pickup truck outside the Minden Hills fire hall, as well as another photo, one of a fire truck, which is not from Minden Hills.

Both the Frank Cox account and the phony Minden fire department account were created on April 16.



Four-year-old Kira Bilodeau tries on a mink hat for size at the twelfth annual Stanhope Heritage Day festivities on July 19. The fur display and items were part of the Minden District Fur Harvesters booth. /Angelica Blenich

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New Kennedy trial set for March

A new trial for the 2011 murder of Haliburton County resident Ryan Kennedy will begin in March 2015. The Ministry of the Attorney General confirmed that a new trial will commence on March 16, 2015.

A trial for the killing of the 21-year old had started in Oshawa on Jan. 21, but a mistrial was declared on March 13.

A publication ban prevents providing information regarding the mistrial.

August

Haliburton zone of broadband project complete

Local politicians along with members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus celebrated a digital milestone.

The Haliburton, Dorset and Hastings zones of the caucus's Eastern Ontario Regional Network broadband Internet expansion are complete.

In 2009, EORN began a massive project to provide 85 per cent of the EOWC jurisdiction with connectivity of at least 10 megabits per second and at least 1.5 megabits per second to 95 per cent of homes and businesses in the region.

The estimated \$170 million project used \$55 million from the feds through the Building Canada Fund and \$55 million from the provincial government's Broadband Infrastructure Fund.

The remaining funds came from the wardens' caucus and private partners, the main one being telecommunications company Bell Aliant.

Moffatt seeks re-election as AH reeve

Carol Moffatt filed to run for her seat as reeve of Algonquin Highlands in the Oct. 27 election. Moffatt filed her nomination papers July 29 and was the sole candidate for the reeve's position.

"This council and staff work well together and we have good momentum on a number on a number of initiatives," Moffatt wrote in an email explaining her decision to run for another term. "Continuity is important. There's opportunity around and I'd like to continue to lead us toward it."

Moffatt, who was first elected in 2006 and served as a Ward 2 councillor on the previous council, said she'd learned much during the term and feels she'd grown into the reeve's position well.

September

Minden Hills to sell Gelert hall

Minden Hills put the Gelert hall property up for sale.

While council had been considering applying for cost-sharing grants to make improvements to the building earlier in the year, members later decided it wasn't worth it for the municipality to sink too much money into the little-used facility.

Including foundation repair, new windows, furnace, septic bed and tank, well, drywall installation and the remediation of the mould and bat guano, the work had an estimated cost of at least \$187,000.

Bradley withdraws libel notice against Minden Hills

Richard Bradley withdrew his notice of a libel lawsuit against the Township of Minden Hills. Bradley filed papers on Sept. 12 to run for council in the township's Ward 3 in the October election.

"On the day I registered, I delivered a notice to the township that I would no longer be suing," he told the paper.

The notice of legal action stemmed from an incident on Canada Day, when Reeve Barb Reid gave Bradley the middle finger, which he captured on video.

In subsequent media interviews, Reid suggested that Bradley had been stalking and harassing her for a number of years and on July 14, Bradley served two letters of his intention to sue under the Ontario Libel and Slander Act – one to the township and one to Reid herself.

He never ended up suing Reid.

Algonquin Highlands closes spring

A long-used natural spring near Maple Lake in Algonquin Highlands was closed by the township.

The municipality received notification from the Ministry of Environment that the spring-fed well, located along Highway 118 between St. Peter's and Airport roads, did not meet ministry standards. It was closed on Sept. 10 under the regulations of the Ontario Water Resources Act.

"The MOE has advised the water is not potable," Algonquin Highlands chief administrative officer Angie Bird told the paper. "It is not known how or why it got that way."

It seems that someone was upset about the spring's closure as the site was vandalized shortly after, its trademark stone pillar knocked over.

MH paid for moving, living expenses of former employees

Minden Hills residents paid for moving and living expenses of two former senior staff members, documentation obtained through Freedom of Information requests revealed.

When former community services director Janette Loveys started with the township in January of 2013, the township paid for at least a portion of her costs to relocate from British Columbia.

Loveys was the manager of visitor services and community development for regional parks for Vancouver Island's Regional Capital District before taking the job with Minden Hills.

The township paid \$4,000 towards Loveys's moving expenses, the maximum amount stipulated in her contract.



Anabel Acero was dressed for the occasion at the Festival of the August Moon in Minden on Aug. 10. / Chad Ingram

October

MH pays out former staffer

It's unknown how much Minden Hills township paid to settle a lawsuit with a former community services department employee, but the township's legal bills to deal with the situation amount to more than \$11,000.

Richie Lyddiatt was dismissed in early 2013 and took legal action against the township. *The Times* filed a Freedom of Information request for legal and settlement costs.

The paper was denied the minutes of settlement under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, with the township contending the information was subject to client-solicitor privilege.

The paper did receive copies of invoices from law firm Hicks Morley totalling approximately \$11,430, including HST, paid between August and December of 2013.

The description of the services in the documentation is redacted.

Reid denies existence of new slate

Minden Hills residents wanted to know if Reeve Barb Reid was running a slate of candidates for the Oct. 27 election during an all-candidates meeting. Former councillor-at-large Peter Oyler posed a question to Reid, councillor-at-large candidate Daryl Moore, deputy-reeve candidate Rick Ashall and incumbent Ward 2 Councillor Ken Redpath before a packed house at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

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What's a trip to the fair without a ride on the carousel? /Chad Ingram

when we will receive your combined mail-out that was received by seasonal residents this week in the GTA?" Oyler asked.

In 2010, the four members of Reid's Vision Team were all elected and voted 4-3 on a number of controversial policies that expanded council's powers and altered the composition of advisory committees. "In that mail-out there was a letter telling people we are not running as a team, that we shared an envelope for economic reasons," Reid responded. "None of us had enough money to individually mail to a bunch of households, so we each put our flyers in an envelope and had it sent. That does not mean we are running as a team."

Funding inadequate for PSWs, group says

Family members of residents at Hyland Crest long-term care home and some of the personal support workers who help them were concerned that lack of funding from the province is creating inadequate staffing levels.

During a public meeting on Oct. 15 at the Minden Legion, two representatives from the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions presented a focus group study on what PSWs in the province were experiencing. Kevin Tyrrell of OCHU and Dorothy Winterburn, a PSW from Hyland Crest, presented the report, which detailed "dangerously high resident-to-staff ratios" and "chronic understaffing" across Ontario.

A small group comprised mostly of family members of residents at Hyland Crest and some of the PSWs that serve them gathered to hear about the report and tell their stories.

Weir request rejected by Algonquin Highlands council

Council said no to plans by Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association to construct a weir between Beech Lake and Maple Lake.

A near unanimous decision against the water study at a council meeting on Oct. 16 puts an end to the weir proposal that was intended to help maintain the water level on Maple Lake.

Reeve Carol Moffatt and other councillors didn't think there was enough concern for the water level to warrant the risks associated with it. Councillor Gordon Henderson, who supported the water study, wondered how many more people were needed to voice concerns about water levels to make it a project worth backing.

The legal advice of municipal solicitor, John Ewart, cited several issues: in the event that the association ceased to exist, or refused to maintain the weir, the township would be exposed to liability; flooding on township land as a result of the weir; injury to people related to construction in and around the area and after the weir was constructed, particularly if any of the structure was on township land. Council couldn't see past the risks associated with the project. They appreciated the effort of the initiative despite their misgivings.

Devolin wins big in MH reeves' race

Brent Devolin became the new reeve of Minden Hills after a decisive victory in the municipal election. Devolin took 2,159 votes, leaving competitors Brigitte Gall and Barb Reid with 1,596 and 937 respectively, according to unofficial results.

Cheryl Murdoch, Lisa Schell, Jeanne Anthon, Ron-Nesbitt, Pam Sayne and Jean Neville all won their races for Minden Hills council.

Lynch, Kyle win in Algonquin Highlands

One new face and one incumbent won the two contested seats in Algonquin Highlands on election night Oct. 27. Incumbent Marlene Kyle won Ward 3 with 375 votes over Bob Buckingham, who received 344. Brian Lynch is the new Ward 1 councillor, having received 262 votes over Sarah Coombs, who got 222. Reeve Carol Moffatt was acclaimed as was Councillor Liz Danielsen and Councillor Lisa Barry. Voter turnout was just under 28 per cent in Ward 1 and just under 45 per cent in Ward 3.

November

Committee disappoints MPP

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott was disappointed in the result of her request for an all-party select committee on sexual harassment.

Scott, the PC critic for women's issues, first made the request on the floor of Queen's Park on Nov. 3 in the wake of the Jian Ghomeshi scandal.

On Nov. 24, Premier Kathleen Wynne released a letter to party leaders indicating her majority government would move forward on studies of sexual harassment and assault, but that the work would likely be done through standing legislative committees.

"She's politicizing it," Scott told the paper, adding that legislative committees are dominated by Liberals.

Ghomeshi hid out in Minden Hills

Disgraced former CBC star Jian Ghomeshi was in Minden Hills during November, keeping a low profile amid allegations of assault.

Ghomeshi, co-creator and former host of popular CBC Radio show Q, was fired by the broadcasting corporation on Oct. 26. He had not been seen in public until Nov. 26, when he turned himself in to Toronto Police. On Nov. 27, Toronto media outlets reported that in the interim, Ghomeshi had stayed at a friend's cottage on Gull Lake, just south of Minden. He'd been offered a place to stay by Jeffrey Latimer, a Toronto music agent whose family owns property on the lake.

Three injured in crash on Cty Rd 503

Three people were taken to hospital, two with serious injuries, following a crash on County Road 503 between Kinmount and Irondale on Nov. 7.

According to Haliburton Highlands OPP, the single-vehicle rollover happened around 3:30 p.m. Friday afternoon near Furnace Falls when an eastbound SUV headed into the south ditch, striking a culvert and small wooden wall, flipping the vehicle onto its passenger side.

The 46-year-old male driver was treated for minor injuries at the Minden hospital while the 46-year-old female passenger was transported to Toronto's Sunnybrook Hospital with serious injuries. The other passenger, a 10-year-old girl, was airlifted to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto, also with serious injuries.

December

Paramedicine program will provide home visits

It was announced a community paramedicine program for Haliburton County will start up in the new year.

In March, the county applied to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for funding for the program, which will see specially trained paramedics conduct home visits for high-need patients.

While it was less than requested, the county received approval for \$85,000 in funding in August and recently emergency services director Craig Jones met with reps from the Haliburton Family Health Team to identify individuals in need of the service.

"They identified five or 10 people right out the gates," Jones told county councillors at a Dec. 17 meeting. He said identifying the program's cohort is the first step and that there is only enough funding to help a few.



Brent Devolin, a candidate for Minden Hills reeve, gives his opening remarks at the all-candidates meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2 at the Minden Community Centre. He went on to win the seat. /Darren Lum

Sports 2014

Photos by Darren Lum



Senior national member Ben Hayward charges to a gate during the Parallel Slalom Event organized by Whitewater Ontario that featured rising and established Canadian paddlers such as Cameron Smedley and Michael Tayler on Thursday, Aug. 21 on the Gull River in Minden. Hayward is expected to compete at the upcoming Pan Am Games hosted by Minden this summer.



Grade 8 student Owen Smith of Archie Stouffer Elementary School leaps in the long-jump event at the Legion Elementary School Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 30 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.



The Red Hawks senior power Alyssa Denyer jumps to meet a short ball from an opponent last month in Haliburton during a tournament. The Hawks finished the tournament with a pair of 1-1 splits against St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School and Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute and three 0-2 losses against Fenelon Falls Secondary School, I.E. Weldon Secondary School and Brock High School.



Red Hawks junior post player Collin Martin, centre and in white, pulls down a rebound in between Brock Bulldogs defenders Zach Shurgold and Jordan Baker during the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's home opener on Monday, Dec. 1 in Haliburton. The Hawks hung on for the 40-36 win.



The Red Hawks junior goalkeeper Parker Smolen dives for a penalty shot taken by a I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats player during the last regular season game on Monday, Oct. 6 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton.

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The Minden Hills Festival of Trees took place from Nov. 21-23 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The theme was A Village Christmas, and trees were sponsored by many local businesses, including Ridgewood Ford, Dollo's Foodland, Minden Subaru, Cordell Carpet and more. /Angelica Blenich

Handlen's neighbours react to charges

Garry Handlen was a familiar face in the community of Minden, often seen puttering around his yard on Anson Street or drinking at local bars. A resident of the area for the past decade or so, Handlen was charged by RCMP with two counts of first-degree murder of two British Columbia girls on Dec. 1. Handlen, 67, was arrested in Surrey, B.C., according to RCMP, charged in the deaths of Kathryn-Mary Herbert, who was murdered in 1975 at the age of 11 and Monica Jack, found dead in 1978 at the age of 12. He had his first court appearance on Monday, Dec. 8 in Abbotsford, B.C., an appearance that was brief, lasting less than five minutes according to Vikki Hopes of the *Abbotsford News*.

OPP bill brings tax increase for townships

As expected, the new OPP billing formula that will come into effect in 2015 will likely translate into a sizeable tax increase for Minden Hills residents. The township's new council held a preliminary budget discussion during an orientation session with staff at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Dec. 4. Passed by the provincial government in August, the billing formula will nearly double Haliburton

County's collective OPP bill from approximately \$3.3 million to approximately \$6.3 million during the next five years. The increase is being phased in during that time.

In Minden Hills, the OPP bill will increase 57 per cent from approximately \$1.1 million to approximately \$1.9 million. For 2015, the first year of the phase-in, the township's OPP requisition will jump by nearly a quarter-million dollars, from \$1.2 million to approximately \$1.47 million.

Local man comes to crash victim's aid

A Gelert man was humble about the role he played in the probable saving of a woman's life on the morning of Dec. 13. Carpenter Chris Dobbins was on his way to a job about 9 a.m. when he came upon an alarming scene on County Road 1, not far from its intersection with County Road 121.

"There's a dude standing there on the side of the road, soaking wet, waving his arms," Dobbins told the *Times*, explaining he spotted an overturned car in a water-filled ditch moments later. Bharat Bhaga and his mother Meena Chakrabuttry-Bhaga of Grimsby, Ont. were on their way to visit Meena's parents, who live in Gelert. Bharat, who'd been driving, was able to escape the 2005 Honda Civic, but Meena was trapped inside.

"I saw the car flipped over in the ditch," Dobbins, 37, recalled. "She was in there, kind of upside down." Unable to get Meena out of the car, Dobbins called 911. He was then able to winch the car using a cable and his truck. While Dobbins was unable to get Meena out of the ditch, he was able to keep the vehicle secure.

AH provides health hub funding

The municipality of Algonquin Highlands will lend financial support to the community health hub in Dorset, however moving forward the township is unsure of what the financial relationship with the facility will become.

Representatives of the Dorset Community Partnership Group, which is responsible for the project, Herb Hickling and Collin Reaney made a delegation to councillors at their Dec. 11 meeting, updating the township on the status of the hub, which received provincial funding earlier this year.

Community kicks in after fundraiser cancellation

Local high school music students were the benefactors of the community's generosity and the Christmas spirit.

When the word got out that the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Fruit Fundraiser Campaign for the school's music band fund was being cancelled the community stepped up with \$1,450 so that bands could attend events and scholarships could be awarded.

For more than 20 years this campaign has helped the HHSS music program send students to music festivals, and fund scholarships valued close to \$400. This cancellation is the first time the fundraiser was not going to run.

It was going to raise close to \$800 from pre-shipment sales. HHSS music teacher Melissa Stephens is blown away by the generosity and bolsters her strong feelings about the support the community gives.



Patrick Healey at the County Road 121 property that for two decades housed an abandoned gas station. It was torn down relieving many residents of the long-standing eye-sore. /Chad Ingram

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Strong defence shown despite Hawks' loss

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

All it took was a few minutes to undo all the great work from the home side.

The senior Red Hawks basketball team was keeping pace with the visiting and league-leading Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans before they surrendered four unanswered points in the final minute of the second and a 7-2 run within two minutes after the start to the third quarter all but left the home side unable to make up the point difference.

What was just a three-point deficit (17-14) with only 1:43 left in the second quarter ballooned into a 12-point deficit (28-16) at the 6:31 mark of the eight minute third.

The Hawks scored 13 points the rest of the way, but the Spartans kept up the scoring and cruised to a 46-29 win, playing many of their starters for much of the second half to keep the tenacious red and white at bay.

Red Hawks head coach Dave Waito loved his team's effort, defence and character they displayed despite the loss.

He thought there were brief mental lapses on the defensive end that led to the visitors' quick start in the second half, which ultimately led to the loss.

"The score in the first half was kept close mostly by our defence despite still turning the ball over too much (15

times in the first half). We also had a little trouble breaking their half-court trapping press, which is where most of the turnovers came from. We made some good adjustments in the second half: handled their pressure better, and only turned the ball over five times," Waito wrote in an email.

This game was a statement and an improvement compared to when the Hawks played the Spartans in Lindsay earlier this season.

"We played much better against them yesterday than the last time we saw them. We played a really good team defence all game, keeping their guards from penetrating and getting comfortable. We proved to ourselves that we can play with them," he said.

Even after the Spartans' pivotal run, the Hawks continued to follow the game plan.

Waito adds this game was the best his team has looked in terms of preparedness and following the game plan.

The coaching staff has preached defence all season and the team (besides a few lapses) delivered on the whole.

"Our defence was really solid on the whole. And our patience and composure is growing in the offence, getting us more inside looks. Cody [Bain] especially did a great job of not shying away from contact and looking to score in the paint," he said.

The first-year seniors proved they belonged with solid efforts in this

physically tough game.

Waito said this was rookie post player Jalen Campbell's "coming out party."

"He had plenty more minutes last night, pulled down seven rebounds, boxed out hard, and did a great job defending the post with Ben Davis and Cody Bain, especially in the first half," he said.

Other rookies worth mentioning are Caleb Schmidt, McKay Coneybeare, Sage Christiano and Devon Bangay.

"We are coming to really trust [Schmidt's] shot on the outside and [Campbell's] presence on the inside. McKay Coneybeare is looking to get his shot off more. He is playing with more and more confidence all the time. Sage Christiano and Devon Bangay also had

some good minutes yesterday. The Grade 11s are really coming along," he said.

There are a lot of positives to the loss and it will put the Hawks in the right frame of mind for the future.

"If we bring that same intensity, we will put ourselves in good position to win every game the rest of the season. Bring on Brock on Wednesday [at Brock]," he said.

The seniors will host their next game against the St. Thomas Catholic Secondary School Titans on Wednesday Feb. 2 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym.

*Games are subject to change.

Right, the Red Hawks point guard Sam Longo takes a shot from near the baseline against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans defenders on Monday, Jan. 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym. Longo, who sank three three-pointers in the fourth, scored 11 of the 14 points scored by the team in fourth quarter and finished with 12 points in the 47-24 loss.

Far right, Red Hawks senior player Cody Bain battles for an offensive rebound against an Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans defender during a home game on Monday, Jan. 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym. The Hawks couldn't keep pace with top team from Lindsay, losing 46-29.



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Monday Night Ladies' League

On Monday, Dec. 15, the Minden Curling Club Monday Evening Ladies league concluded the first schedule in an action-packed and entertaining evening. The format for the evening was a mini-bonspiel, whereby total points for wins, ends and number of rocks are combined to determine winners. The league winning team, skipped by Carol Alain (vice Betty Goard, second Eleanor Reed and lead Tracy Benson) was awarded the Alex Kernohan Trophy and gift certificates from Dollo's Foodland, while the second and third place teams, skipped by Patti Prentice (vice Carolyn Ludlow, second Vickie Tranter, lead Lynda Litwin) and Anika Klint (vice Patti Goreski, second Alexander Casper, lead Allison Mallette), received gift certificates. First and second places in playoffs were won

by the teams of Anika Klint, who also received the John E. Francis Fuels Trophy and gift certificates, and Mel Vigrass (vice Vickey Wellman, second Wendy Wood, lead Karen Lytle), whose teams won gift certificates. It is worth noting the first and second place finishers in the games were separated by a half point. In accepting their prizes on behalf of their teams, all the winning skips all thanked the ice makers Eric Casper and Jim Groen and bartender Donna-Lee McKnight, as well as the Trophy sponsors and Dollo's.

The ladies relaxed and enjoyed snacks after the game.

Tuesday Night Men's League

The Tuesday Night Men's League wrapped up another successful autumn of curling by awarding trophies for league and playoff schedules. Under the auspices of convenor/toastmaster Dwight Thomas, the league play winners of the Bill Roodenberg Real Estate Trophy and

steaks from Dollo's Foodland was the team of Scotty Boyd, Ron Bobbie, Ed Hussul and Alfie Penycad, with the teams headed by Murray Cooper (vice Ed Cyr, second Iain Kay, lead Ross Petch) and Ted Wilkes (vice Dave McKay, second Bruce McClennan, lead Cec Ryall) finishing second and third respectively.

In playoff action, three divisions received prizes. The winner of A division, and winners of the Minden Home Hardware and Building Centre Trophy, was the team of Murray Cooper.

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Monday Ladies League winners: vice Betty Goard, second Eleanor Reed, lead Traci Benson, skip Carol Alain.



Monday Ladies' League Winners Runners Up: skip Mel Vigrass, vice Vickey Wellman, second Wendi Wood, lead Karen Lytle.



Friday Evening B Division Playoff winners: lead Charlie Muli, second Ethel Muli, skip Iain Kay, vice Joyce Nilsson.



Monday Ladies' League Playoff winners: second Alexander Casper, lead Allison Mallette, vice Patti Goreski, skip Anika Klint.



Friday Evening A Division Playoff winners: skip Steve Robson, vice Audrey Robson, lead Carol McClennan, second Bruce McClennan.



Friday Evening League winners: vice (and dad) Rick Denyer, skip Alyssa Denyer, lead Karen Lytle, second Wes Lytle.

Notices



Township of Algonquin Highlands Committee of Adjustment Notice of Application for Minor Variance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 45(5) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3 O. Reg. 200/96, as amended, that the following Application for Minor Variances have been submitted to the Township of Algonquin Highlands Committee of Adjustment, the minor variance granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER a public meeting has been scheduled on **Friday, January 23rd, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m.** at the Township of Algonquin Highlands Township Office, **1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario** for the Committee of Adjustment to hear the applications:

File No. A-AH-MV-002/15 Applicant: Greg and Maureen Harvey

Location of Property: 1013 Hibiscus Lane

Part Lot 19, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Stanhope – Beech Lake

Nature of Application:

1. To reduce the high water setback from the required 30m (100ft) to 15m (50ft) to permit the construction of a 16.1m² (173ft²) screened in porch to be added to an existing dwelling. The proposed screened in porch will replace an existing screened in porch, located 16.7m (55ft) from the high water mark, which will be converted into a dining room.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands in respect of the proposed Minor Variances to Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 03-22 before the decision is made by the Committee of Adjustment; the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the decision is made by the Committee of Adjustment, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: A copy of the decision will only be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding these Applications for Minor Variances are available for public inspection at the Planning Department, Township of Algonquin Highlands, by *appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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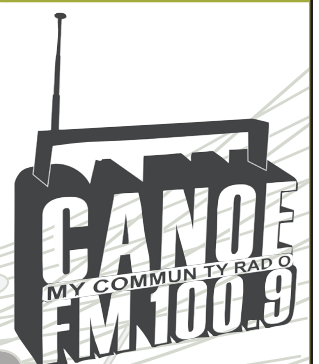


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Congratulations to all winners

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The winners of the B division, and winners of steak prizes, was the team of skip Steve Robson, vice Larry Ferguson, second Len Goreski and lead Thomas Grix.

The convenors and fellow curlers of the Tuesday Night League were especially pleased to award the C division prizes to a team composed entirely of high-school students, namely Cody Williams, Sam Pilcher, Sebastian Muli-Delamarre and Daniel Murdoch. In a thrilling finish, Cody's team won in the last end by one point.

Dwight Thomas thanked the staff of the Minden Curling Club and looked forward to seeing 'the gang' back in January.

Thursday and Friday Evening Mixed leagues

After playdowns in the weeks leading up to Dec. 19, the A and B division playoff finals for Thursday and Friday Evening Mixed leagues was held at Minden Curling Club.

First, league play results:

In Thursday night league play, the winners of first place

honours, and taking home the Casper Cup plus steaks from Dollo's Foodland, was the team of skip Bruce Fisher, vice Carol Alain, second Chris Price and lead Judy Price.

Finishing in second and third place respectively in league play were the teams of skip Dave McKay, vice Pat Woodcroft, second Rick Wood, lead Wendi Wood, and skip Paul Prentice, vice Patti Prentice, second Alfie Penycad and lead Donna Penycad.

Winners of Friday night league play, and winners of the ReMax North Country trophy plus steaks from Dolly's Foodland, were skip Alyssa Denyer, vice (and dad) Rick Denyer, second Wes Lytle and lead Karen Lytle. The second place position in league play was won by skip Royce Miller, vice Jean Broersma, second Bruce McClennan and lead Carol McClennan. Third place position in league play was won by skip Steve Robson, vice Audrey Robson, second Kim Burk and lead Rawn Moore.

On playoff night, with 32 curlers on the ice and almost that many behind the glass supporting their favourite teams, family members and players, the evening was a successful and entertaining affair, full of fun and laughs.

Thursday Night A division playoff winners, and winners of the Minden Times Trophy, and Dollo's steaks, was

the team of skip Larry Ferguson, vice Vickey Wellman, second Jim Carrel and lead Sheila Carrell.

Thursday Night B Division playoff winners of steak prizes, was the team of skip Dave McKay, vice Pat Woodcroft, second Alfie Penycad and lead Donna Penycad.

Friday Night A division playoff winners was the team Skipped by Steve Robson, with vice Audrey Robson, second Bruce McClennan and lead Carol McClennan.

Now, pay attention, there's a quiz at the end. The Friday Night B division playoff game was slated to be between the team of Scotty Boyd, Jane Boyd, James Baldry and Gina Deighton versus the team of Dave and Barb Millington and Burt and Jayne Kennedy. However, due to prior commitments, the whole Boyd team was replaced, or "spared" by the team of Iain Kay, Joyce Nilsson, Ethel Muli and Charlie Muli. The parachuted team "spared" no mercy in defeating the Millington team to win the coveted steaks and B division honours.

The Quiz: What team got the steaks, Boyds/Baldry/Deighton or Kay/Nilsson/Muli?

The Answer: The Kay/Nilsson/Muli Team graciously returned the steaks to the Boyd/Baldry/Deighton team.

We would like to congratulate all the winners!



Tuesday Men's League winners: second Ed Hussul, lead Alfie Penycad, vice Ron Bobbie, skip Scotty Boyd.



Tuesday Men's League C Division winners: skip Cody Williams, vice Sam Pilcher, second Sebastian Muli-Delamarre, lead Daniel Murdoch.



Tuesday Men's League B Division winners: lead Thomas Grix, second Len Goreski, vice Larry Ferguson, skip Steve Robson.



Tuesday Men's League A Division winners: second Iain Kay, lead Ross Petch, vice Ed Cyr, skip Murray Cooper.



Thursday Evening Mixed League winners: vice Carol Alain, skip Bruce Fisher, lead Judy Price, second Chris Price.



Thursday Evening Mixed League A Division winners: skip Larry Ferguson, vice Vickie Wellman, second Jim Carrel, lead Sheila Carrell.



Thursday Evening Mixed B Division playoff winners: lead Donna Penycad, second Alfie Penycad, vice Pat Woodcroft, skip Dave McKay.

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Why not join the Minden Legion in 2015?



Legion br. 636

A reminder that there will be euchre at Minden Legion on Thursday night starting at 7:30. This is one of the several events throughout the week which are organized for the community to enjoy. Thanks to your support of our weekday lunches, Minden Legion can provide space in our premises for several community groups throughout the week. Pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Blue Beret*, and see the list of events and activities.

Our weekly meat draws make Wednesday one of the most popular days for lunch. The selection of butcher-quality meat varies every week, and for \$8 you get eight chances in every draw. Friday lunch features crispy fish, made with our special beer-batter recipe and served with

hand-cut fries or onion rings. Friday night from 5 to 7 p.m. we also serve fish 'n' chips or wings and chips, and takeouts are available.

Have you got your dancing shoes ready for this Saturday? Minden Legion is pleased that the Highlands Trio will once again be entertaining from 1 to 5 p.m. If you haven't heard this group yet, you're in for a pleasant afternoon. The Trio plays a variety of country, folk and down-east tunes and there usually are some pretty talented amateurs at the open mike sessions too. There's no cover charge, just a donation for the band when you come in. You might just work up an appetite tapping toes and clapping, so we'll have pub-style snacks available.

This Wednesday we will also be holding initiations for six or seven new members who have recently joined Minden Legion. All members of the branch are encouraged to show up at 2 p.m. and welcome our newest members.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the sports room for the newest zone event for Legion members only: washer

ring-toss. This sounds like a lot of fun! Register now, and represent Minden in friendly competition against members from 13 other branches, 11 a.m. Feb. 8, at Fenelon Falls Legion. The top finishers will advance to District in Marmora on March 7, and possibly bring back the zone tournament to our branch next year. Talk to Pete McGowan the sports officer if you need more information.

Why not make 2015 the year you join Minden Legion? You no longer require a military connection in order to be eligible for membership in the Royal Canadian Legion. We are currently recruiting new members who believe in remembrance and support our veterans and our troops. Your membership allows you access to all Legion activities, including exclusive sports events and tournaments. You will receive a subscription to *Legion* magazine and several member benefits offered through Dominion Command. First-year dues are \$60 which includes a one-time processing fee for your membership pin and manuals.

The story of snowshoes will be told this weekend

There is still time for kids ages nine to 16 to participate in the Youth Video Vine Making Workshop Series taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The classes are teaching how to create four, six-second videos on mobile devices about Dorset and the surrounding area for the Vine platform. This workshop series aims to educate youth about the area they live in and about the impact their online posts can have. Classes take place Jan. 18, Feb. 8 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per session payable to the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corp. *Please bring an allergy free lunch. Registration is required. For more information, please contact workshop facilitator Sarah Coombs at info@v3productions.ca or 705-783-9427.

If you are looking for something to do this weekend, don't forget about the great snowshoe adventure hike on Saturday, Jan. 17 with Craig Macdonald. The theme is "A Story of Snowshoes" and will highlight Craig's

remarkable collection of historic snowshoes and the stories behind them. The time is 10 a.m. to 12 noon, meeting at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre, 3987 Hwy 60 in Oxtongue Lake. Registration is required by emailing drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or calling 705-766-9968. More information can also be found at www.skithefrost.ca. The cost is \$20 per person and snowshoe rentals are available at the special reduced rate of \$5 per pair.

The next snowshoe adventure hike in the series takes place on Friday, Jan. 23 with forestry professional Ernie Demuth to explore how our forests are harvested and managed in a sustainable way. The time for this hike is from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. meeting at the Algonquin Highlands trails office at the Frost Centre, 20130 Hwy 35, 12 km south of Dorset. As above, advance registration is required and the cost to participate is \$20 per person.

The next Dorset Casino Rama bus will be on Wednesday,

Feb. 4 leaving the Dorset Seniors Club on Muskoka Road 117 at 7:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 5 p.m. Space is limited and advance reservations are required by calling Shirley at 705-766-9347 by Monday, Feb. 2. Available to those 19 years of age and older and a lunch voucher is included. The casino trip will now be on the first Wednesday of the month.

Birthday wishes for Dec. 28 to Jan. 17 go out to Hailey Pulfrey, Erika Inrig, Larry Bradbury, John Clayton, Jordan Wilson, Ethan MacKay, Corey Crewson, Kyle Wheeler, Marie Warkentin, Alex Jordan, Hugh Reynolds, Graham Avery and Deb Eichler. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

- Melissa Alfano

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Agricultural society AGM coming up

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Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse we are much looking forward to a mid week visit by good friends for a traditional annual double celebration of a second Christmas and my birthday. As to the details of arrival at the Toronto Wellesley Hospital it must have been early evening as mother always said she wasn't sure if the baby was coming or it was indigestion from supper's brussel sprouts. January's outside weather kept this Capricorn indoors much of the time with sneezes, coughs and earaches. There was no real birthday party until year eight. Mustard plasters were a house specialty (apparently Bruce's mother occasionally substituted onions) and even today a glimpse of that yellow tin of Keene dry mustard on the supermarket shelf brings flashbacks. During those later formative teenage years my chagrin at the lack of any significant bust development was squarely directed at those plasters. In fairness no vampires ever darkened our door either.

To *Times* former columnist Neil Campbell my condolences on the passing of his Brown Dog Jiggs

on December 22nd. This was an incredible story of friendship, loyalty, and mutual understanding. The last time I saw Jiggs was with Neil at the Kinmount Fair on Labour Day weekend where they both were active volunteers in the Pioneer Complex. In last week's issue Neil wrote a moving tribute titled "Song for Jiggs." While reading his words another song kept coming to mind - "Once in every life someone comes along." Sleep well, Brown Dog, you have touched many hearts.

The Kinmount Public Library will be offering free computer workshops from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Branch. This one-on-one instruction can be helpful for those new to this technology or needing help with a particular program. This is relatively short notice but call 705-488-3199 and find out more about this program and if already filled when future workshops might be planned. On Tuesday mornings a program for young children titled "Expanding the World of Literacy on the Alphabet Train" is open and offers stories, crafts, games and other activities. For more details on this or other programs please call the branch during open hours. For those avid readers on Saturday, Jan. 17 the Friends of the Library will hold its monthly Book Sale on the lower level of the branch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also on this Saturday, Jan. 17 the annual Community Sleigh Rides will be held at Pearson's Hunt Camp on the Galway Road starting at 12:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to enjoy an outdoor rural experience complete with roaring bonfire, warming hut, refreshment available for purchase and more. There is a minimal charge and all proceeds go to support a community project each year.

If you would like to learn more about Tai Chi plan to attend the open house at the Galway Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes are held there on Mondays and Thursday in that same time slot and when driving by the several cars in the parking lot indicate much interest in this ongoing program.

Regular events held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount include bingo on Friday nights starting at 6:45 p.m. with a \$300 must go jackpot, Big Bucks Bid Euchre on the third Wednesday of each month, weekly Dart Leagues for Ladies on Monday nights and Mixed on Wednesday evenings and Seniors Cards every Monday in the upstairs hall. This month's Big Bucks Bid Euchre comes up on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. at a cost of \$10 which includes lunch. More information about the branch will be posted on its Facebook page regarding programs, special events and hall rentals.

Here is a warming thought during these coldest of days. The Kinmount Agricultural Society (Kinmount Fair Board) will hold its Annual General Meeting on Friday, Jan. 23 in the Galway Hall with a Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting to follow at 8 p.m. Kinmount Fair brings much awareness to our town and the many volunteers involved in this event deserve much credit. If interested the Pioneer Society is always looking for new members/helpers who would enjoy presenting the history of our area to the many fair visitors.

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Card scores

Members of the card community were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Jim Corbett last Saturday in a tragic car accident. Jim's name was familiar to me as I typed up the scores each week and I know that he will be much missed and well remembered by his many friends.

January 6 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that top marks went to Linda Taylor 5,260 while Gareth Kellett and Julie Gray tied for second spot at 4,340 and also teamed up for a Small Slam.

January 6 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Willie Cox 5,460, Sandy McKay 5,370, Ross Fletcher 5,130 and Frank Schlotter 4,630 with Irena Sworska awarded the Lucky Loonie.

January 6 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: From Pearl Cowen the news that Connie Sawyer led going solo at 386 then Joan Bell and John Fortune 332. At 319 June Fortune and Dorene Elstone claimed third place while Anne Manning and Lyn Preston had the afternoon's low of 150.

January 6 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 348, Clare Obdam 307, our reporter Betty Wagar 275 and Eileen Shapiera 210. First for the gents at 318 was Ron Morrison followed by Jesse Barlow 242, Sharon Jarvis 232 and Marcel Roussel 206. Eileen Shapiera won the major draw while Sharron Atkinson, Sharon Jarvis and Tom Grix claimed the smaller prizes and Shirley Milne took the single moonshot.

January 6 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Most lone hand honours went to Tracey Dyson with Donna Darby high lady and Gala Newell low. For the gents Jim MacPherson topped the charts with Al Dyson posting the men's low. Nancy McPherson further reports that Doug Cooper won the draw.

January 7 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell there was a tie for first place at 62 percent between the duos of Heather Lindsay and Mary Johnson and Bruce Armstrong and Jackie Metcalf. Next at 60 percent was Reet Murray partnered with Ev Morgan.

January 8 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that for the ladies Clare Obdam led at

317 followed by Theresa Deak 280, Gail Medcalf 257 and Pearl Cowen 248. First for the gents at 264 was Tom Grix with Ida Young and Albert Foster tied for second spot at 240, Bruce Medcalf 234 third and Marcel Roussel 232 fourth. Albert Foster won for call 1, Pearl Cowen held the hidden score and Eileen Gough took the card draw while Tom Grix claimed the single moonshot.

January 9 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell the leaders were Irena and Alek Sworski 57 percent, Ev Morgan partnered with Reet Murray 56 percent and Jack and Willie Cox 52 percent.

January 9 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Doreen Francis for the special prize.

January 10 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Pearl Cowen 287, Karin Harrison 238, Betty Wagar 225 and Vi Howell 205. First for the gents at 271 was our reporter Albert Foster followed by Howard Smith 237, Pat Scadden 236 and Marcel Roussel 234. The major special prize went to Jason Peacock while Karin Harrison, Betty Wagar and Stella Kennedy picked up the smaller rewards. There were seven moonshots going to Jason Peacock, Karin Harrison, Pat Scadden, Theresa Deak, Marcel Roussel and Albert Foster [2].

January 12 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Most lone hand honours went to Margaret Fletcher and Kay Godden with Ellen Holden and our reporter Tim Sharpe posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Mabel Deacon while Yvonne Arbuthnot took home the special prize.

January 12 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that Tom Grix led the scoring at 304 then Ida Young 277 and Gala Newell 272. Karin Harrison won the draw while Tom Grix [thank you Tom] and Vic Ballik claimed the moonshots.

January 12 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Albert Foster won for both high hands and the special prize with Bev Johnson holding the most lone hands and Murray Daniels taking the prize for low hands. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this update.

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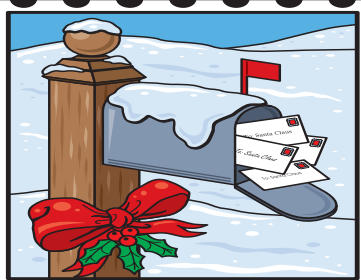
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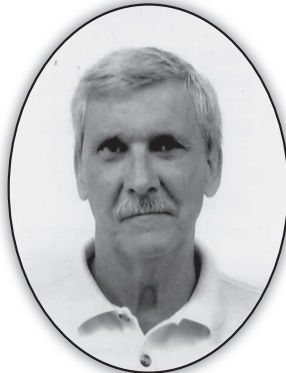
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For those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen and unheard, but always near,
So loved, so missed, and so very dear."

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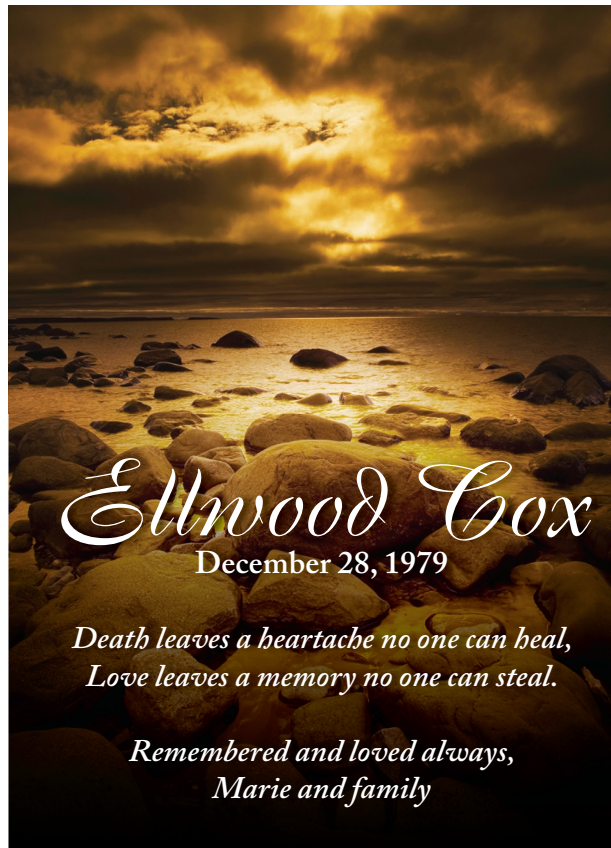
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WORKMAN, Lenore Irene (nee Cameron) -

Passed away on Monday, January 5, 2015 with her family by her side at Sunnybrook Hospital, at the age of 84. Beloved wife of the late Vernon Ross Workman. Loving Mom of Daryl, Kim, Alyson and Guy and cherished grandmother (Nano) of Brendan Rotz. Lenore will be sadly missed by all of her family, friends and her baby, Quinn. Visitation will be held Friday, January 16th from 7-9 p.m. at the R.S. Kane Funeral Home, 6150 Yonge Street, Toronto (at Goulding, south of Steeles). Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel at R.S. Kane Funeral Home. If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation would be appreciated. Condolences may be made at www.rskane.ca

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**Helen Aileen Archer**

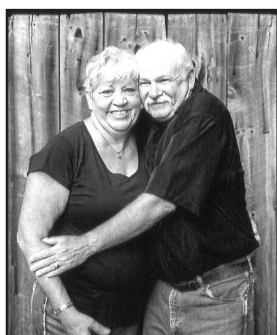
(Resident of Oshawa Ontario, Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

On January 7, 2015, after a long and happy life, Helen Aileen Archer died peacefully with the love of her family at the Wynfield Long Term Care in Oshawa. She was born to Winnett and Mae Austin of Haliburton and lived there until her health declined in later years. Helen was the proud co-owner with her late husband Max of Sunrise Cottage Resort on Loon Lake, Haliburton. She was also predeceased by her much loved son-in-law Barry Stovin and a dear brother and sister Ron Austin and Betty Wise. Mom will be forever loved and missed by her children Sandra Stovin and Bill and Maura Archer. Helen was the proud grandma of Jeff Stovin, Susan Baldinelli (Michael), Jesse Archer (Callie) and Amy Sharpe (Mike). She was also delighted to be the Great Grandma of Jessica, Patrick, Alexandra and Scarlett Mae. She is survived also by her brother Keith Austin (Marion) and sister-in-law Helen Austin all of Huntsville. Grateful thanks goes to the staff of the Wynfield for their exceptional care and kindness while Mom resided there.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends may call at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 10 o'clock until the time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment Evergreen Cemetery at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the HHHSF - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory Of

Charlene E. Austen

Passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Friday, January 9, 2015. At the age of 55.

Beloved wife of Brian. Dear mother of Leslie, April and her husband Jake Hirstwood. Loving grandma to Arianna. Dear sister of Terry, Sandy and the late Lavina and remembered by her many step siblings. Dear daughter-in-law of Art and the late Minnie. Sister-in-law of Lee and Kim, Bret and Debbie. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 pm. A Service to Celebrate Charlene's Life will be held at the Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Church(downstairs). Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Minden United Church would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

A.L. Jewett

Peacefully at the age of 96. Alden Lloyd Jewett passed away with his family by his side on January 1st, 2015.

As a Geologist by education, and wartime navigator, he enjoyed a long civil flying career following the military.

He remained healthy and at home until the end. Beloved husband of Joan (predeceased), father to Robin Jewett and grandfather to Breanne, Cole, and Evan Jewett his genuine interest, involvement and uncanny compassion for his grandchildren's lives never faded. He always offered a smile and upbeat mood to all he met. Painfully we mark the end of our time with this incredible man. His life will be difficult for us to go on without. He was a true inspiration.

Private family arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Community Care would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.



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NEW LISTING

- Well-appointed 3 bdrm, 2 full baths
- Features include; open concept, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, main floor laundry
- Full finished cozy basement with walkout

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Minden Home Overlooking River \$199,000



- Charming 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Bungalow
- Hardwood Floors, New Carpeting, Propane Fireplace
- Sunroom and Att'd Garage
- Almost 1 Acre Level Lot with a Dock on the River

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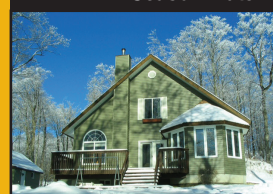
Kushog Lake Acreage \$195,000



- 30 acres with 85 feet waterfront
- Off year round municipal road
- Many great building sites
- Hard sand bottom waterfront

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

4-Season Waterfront home \$599,900



- Amazing privacy, beautiful SW view
- 3 bedroom cottage/home
- Garage with workshop and ATV/sled storage
- 265' shoreline, close to snowmobile trails

Susanne James & Andy Mosher
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Norland Area Home \$269,000



- 2 Storey Royal home w/att garage
- 3 bdrms, master w/ensuite & Jacuzzi
- Partially finished bsmt
- Landscaped, 1.53 acres

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

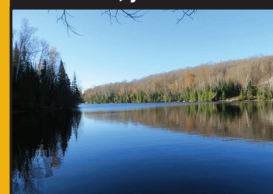
Glamor Lake \$569,000



- 5 bdrm, 3 bath, master w/ensuite
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31

Yes, you can afford Soyers Lake! \$119,900



- 2.33 acres of well forested land
- Great building sites with awesome lake view
- Water frontage across the quiet cottage road
- Fabulous home or cottage location

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

9 Acre lot with South Lk access \$49,000



- Gorgeous 9 acre lot overlooking South Lake
- Several building sites to choose from
- Driveway is already in!

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Pine Street \$259,000



- Renovated 4+ bdrm in town home
- New windows upstairs, soffit and eaves
- New propane boiler and furnace
- Flat lot with lots of parking

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

Acreage on Harburn Rd. \$37,800



- Approx. 1,631 Ft. Rd Frontage on two roads
- Two lots combined, totaling 9.84 acres
- Level, mixed forest building site
- Telephone, hydro & 10 minutes to Haliburton

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30

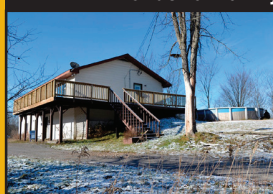
3 Lake Chain! \$339,900



- Great opportunity on Beech Lake
- Charming cottage on level lot, south facing
- Features 100 ft of sandy shoreline, great for the kids
- Lots of potential and priced to sell!

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

Wonderful Family Home! \$245,000



- 4 BR, 3 bath with open concept design
- Full walkout from partially finished basement
- Screen room overlooking private 4.8 acres
- Close to both town and access to Minden Lake

Valerie Kulla 286-2138

Eagle Lake Home \$229,000

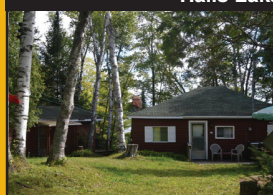


NEW LISTING

- Recently built Guildcrest home
- Close to Sir Sam's Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jacuzzi tub

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

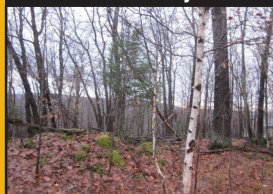
Halls Lake \$250,000



- Great property with original 1940's cabin
- + 440 sq ft Bunkie with 1 BR, bath & kitchen
- Beautiful, hard packed, sand bottom beach!!

Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

Sunnyside Hilltop Lot \$68,500



- Scenic hilltop views over Haliburton Village
- Multi-exposure 1.5 acre residential lot
- Private setting in area of finer homes
- Well-maintained Township road - a "Must-Buy!"

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Close to Town! \$150,000



SOLD

- Immaculate, 2 bdrm plus den, 1.5 bath
- Private, quiet neighbourhood, easy access
- Recent upgrades: propane furnace, roof, deck
- Bright, open home close to lake access

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Haliburton Acreage \$149,000



- 19 Acre Parcel close to Haliburton village
- Features both large road frontage and water frontage
- Great privacy and views over the lake
- Adjacent to 3.5 acres on Kashagawigamog Lake also available

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

Now this is a Cottage! \$425,000



- Year round home on CLEAR LAKE
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, level lot
- Beautiful sand beach, fully furnished
- Oversized insulated garage, just perfect

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

Lovely Home or Getaway! \$149,000



NEW PRICE

- 3 Bdrm, 1 Bath, only 10 min to Haliburton
- Open concept, lots of windows, 2 living areas
- W/O deck through kitchen & master
- Easy access to snowmobile trails & lake

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Bobcaygeon Road \$199,900



- High and dry on Main Street w paved parking
- C-4 Village commercial zoning tons of potential
- Upstairs living accommodations, new furnace
- Nicely landscaped with easy care perennials

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

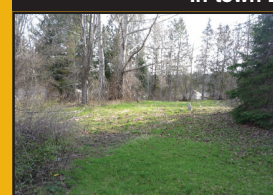
Minden Home \$147,000



- Central location, value packed and priced to sell
- 3 Bedroom home with double detached garage
- Lovely 1+ acre lot with gardens & trees
- 200 amp service, newer roof, FA Furnace

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

In-town Building lots



- Two adjacent prime downtown lots
- Walking distance to all amenities
- Municipal hookups water/sewer avail.
- Starting at \$44,900

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Close to Minden \$59,000



SOLD

- 1000 square foot Building Shell
- Sits on a Level 2.4 Acre Property
- Year Round Municipal Road
- Septic and Well on property

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

Country Home! \$209,000



NEW LISTING

- Open concept kitchen/dining/living room
- Cathedral ceilings, large window wall and wood burning fireplace
- 3 Bedrooms, 4 pc bath, WO basement
- Double car garage and 11+ acres!

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